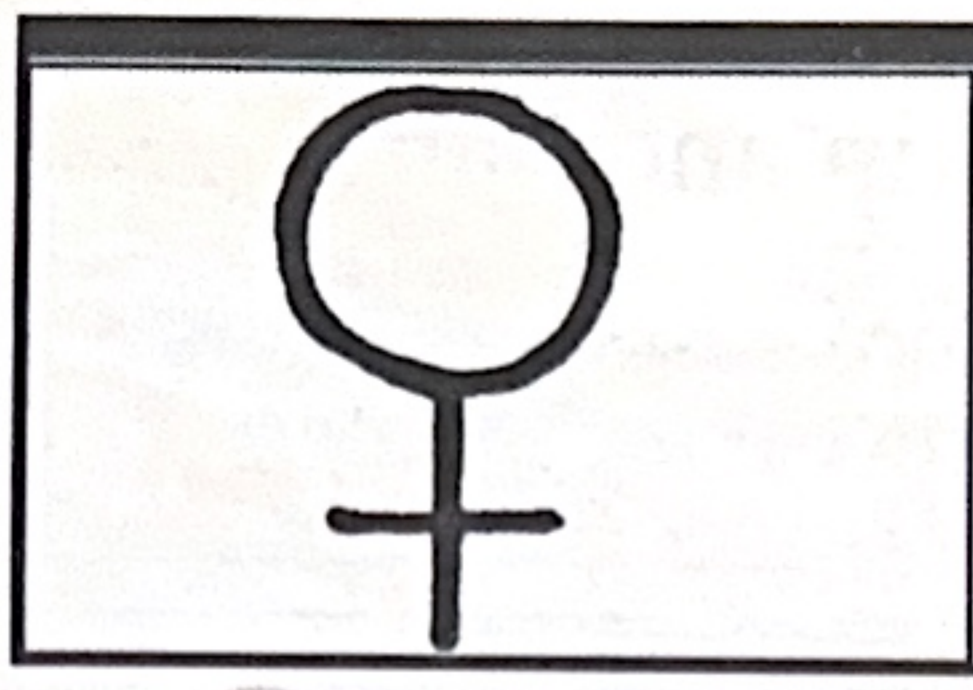

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Student council:

back again and here to stay

BY NAWAL ATWAN
News Editor

Student council returns to the high school this year when 38 council representatives were elected on September 21, the high school's first student government day.

Ten representatives from each class were elected out of 51 candidates, except seniors, who elected eight members. The council was recognized after students expressed in a homeroom survey last year their need for student government, according to co-chair of the School and Community Relations Committee, Chuck Spinner.

The committee worked last year and over the summer to investigate area high school student councils and constitutions, rework council requirements and get input from students on how the council should be run. Approximately 120 interested students attended the informational meeting to run for student council, Chair of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. William Newby said.

Student council advisors art teacher Susan Weiner and English teacher Patricia Lawrence emphasized leadership and student empowerment as the basis of this year's council. It is not just another club, Lawrence said.

"The student council will define itself. The members will decide how to address issues and create what they would like the school to be," Weiner said.

The school constitution will be examined and possibly rewritten by current council members, according to Lawrence. Council will meet every other week at 7:00 a.m., Weiner said.

Council members attended a leadership camp in Geneva, Ohio October 1 and 2 to build trust, support and unity, according to Newby. Members will participate in team wilderness obstacle courses.

Student government day reflected a democracy as attendance was optional for candidate speeches, the caucus lunch and the pep rally, according to Newby, who was responsible for the election day organization.

Many students, candidates and teachers expressed their discontent at the low percentage of students who attended candidate speeches.

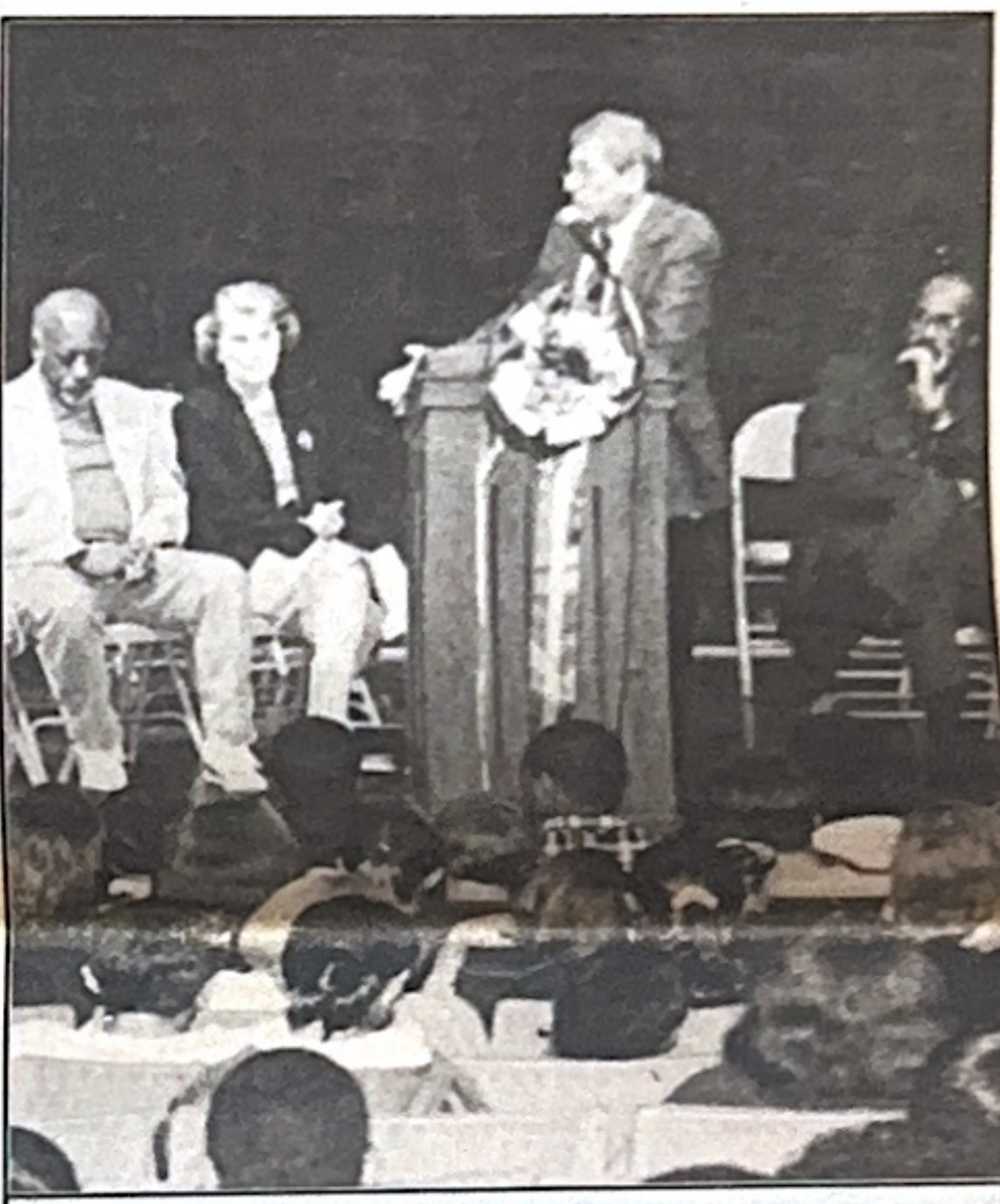
"I was very disappointed at the turnout in the government day speeches. I think it should have been mandatory because to expect students to listen to speeches when given a two hour opportunity to leave school is unrealistic," junior council member Lindsey Mirmelstein said.

Three guest speakers, Mayor of Shaker Heights Patricia Mearns, school board member Reverend Marvin McMickle, and Olympic gold medal winner Harrison Dillard gave motivational speeches to the entire student body on government day.

"The assembly was marvelous, and the speakers did an excellent job. As an American, I am perplexed at the lack of involvement in government. I would have liked a greater turnout for elections but am grateful for every vote cast," Principal Dr. A. Jack Rumbaugh said.

Social Studies teacher Terry Pollack told students at the assembly he hopes this council will be the foundation for many student councils in the high school well into the 21st century.

"Whether the council works or not is up to the students. The faculty promoted it, students told us they wanted it, and if the council succeeds, we will look back at the formation of student council this year as one of great importance," Spinner said.



GET INVOLVED. Social Studies teacher Terry Pollack introduces Student Government Day speakers.

Shakerite photo by Cristen Means

Percentages of students voting

VOTE ✓	Freshman 50%	VOTE ✓	Junior 60%
VOTE ✓	Sophomore 61%	VOTE ✓	Senior 50%

SHAKER, GET PUMPED! Members of the Class of '96 show their spirit at the pep rally. This event was part of the first Student Government Day.

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick

And the winners are...

Freshmen

Jocelyn Berger, Jason Bresler, Laryssa Payton-Stevens, Nora Gordon, Robin Johnson, Nicole Kirtley, Landon Lockhart, Ben Madorsky, Peter Morgenstern-Clarren, Ambika Singh

Sophomores

Jenna Carl, Robert Coulton, Richie Duchon, Kelly Gibson, Matthew Gray, Adam Grossman, Lisa Lazarus, Erika Midgette, Jim Robenalt, Melissa Williams

Juniors

Briana Adato, James Bates, Holly Bosley, David Deming, Allen Foster, Brent Fuller, Hallie Joseph, Graham Lanz, Lyndsey Mirmelstein, Tameka Munroe

Seniors

Sean Chang, Geoffrey Delman, Trevina Johnson, Kaliya Lathon, Clyia Thomas, Sharrah-Shauntee Thornton, Jessica Zagier, Anne Zrenda

Counseling center changes ownership and name

The Shaker Heights Youth Center has become the Youth and Family Counseling Center of Shaker Heights. Director of Clinical Services is Fran Zamore. Counseling is still available to students with Counselor Pat Brown in room 227. Times are Mondays and Tuesday s12 to 3 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New policies and rules accompany new year

BY CAITLIN MASINI
Staff Reporter

Changes have been made in the return of the tutoring center, the athletic code's drug and alcohol abuse penalty, school policies about weapons and pagers and the days of tardy detentions.

When the levy failed last November, several programs were cut. One was the tutoring center where students could go after school to get help on their homework, research papers or classwork from teachers of each subject.

"I think that closing the tutoring center was very difficult," Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said.

Rumbaugh added that he hopes when the center returns it can be moved to the public library where there is access to more research materials all the time. At the high school it is limited to the time when a librarian is on duty. He said he would also like to have the center open longer and seven days a week. Teachers from the high school would continue to staff the center on weekdays and possible community volunteers for Saturday and Sunday. The tentative opening date is Oct. 2, Rumbaugh said.

Athletic code

In the athletic code, changes were made in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Penalty, according to Rumbaugh. This year on an athlete's first offense, there is an automatic two weeks and at least one contest suspension, and the athlete is required to get professional counseling. If the action is repeated the athlete is not allowed to participate in any sport for the rest of the school year. Last year an athlete was out for the rest of the season on the first offense under the old policy.

"I think that the athletic department has become much more tolerant of drug and alcohol abuse," senior soccer player Kira Burns said.

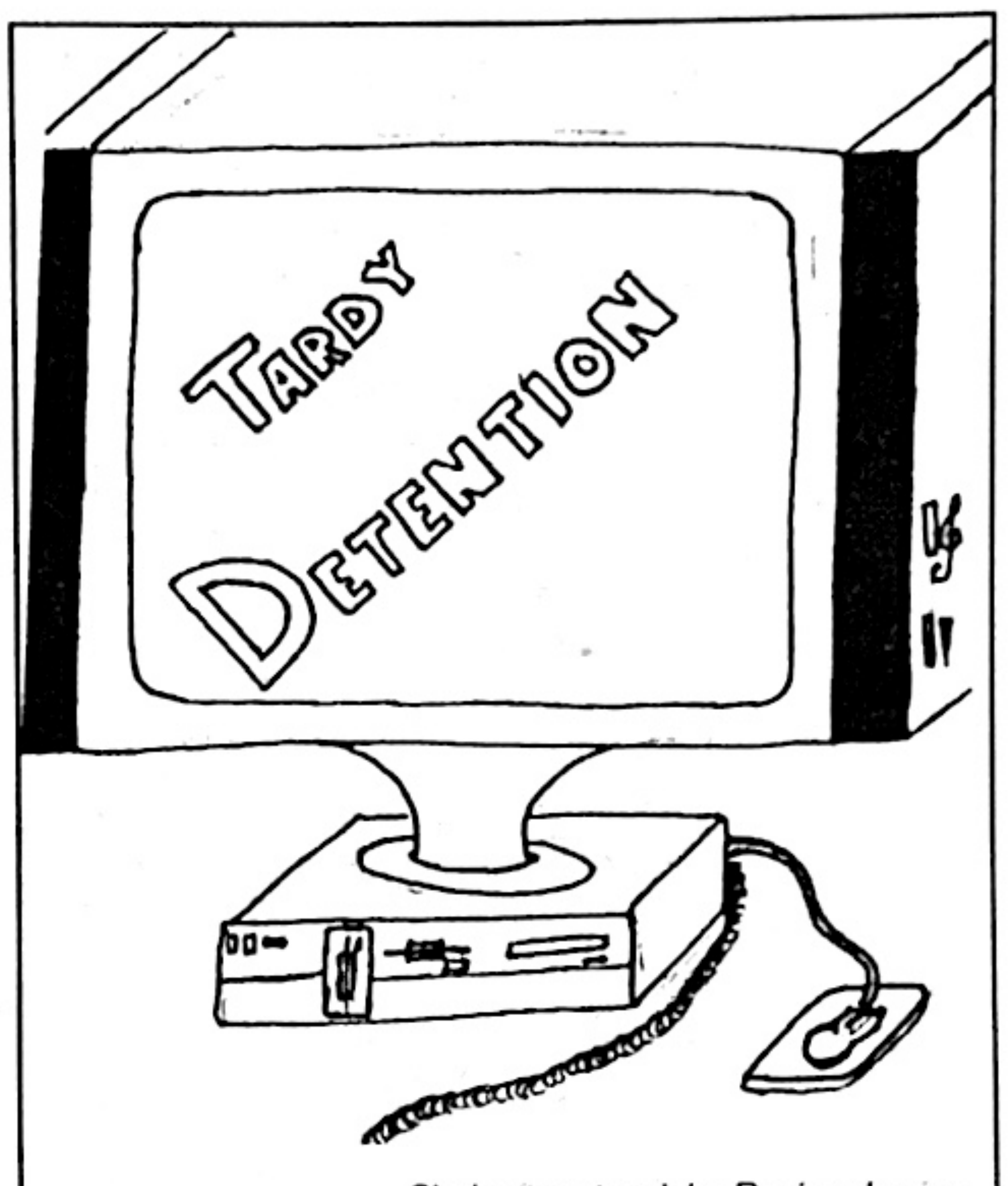
Rumbaugh said the change in the policy is not less tolerant, and it was changed because this policy is easier to enforce.

Weapon and pager policies

The penalty of bringing a weapon to school has also changed. Due to federal law, a student who brings any kind of weapon to school will be expelled for a minimum of one year.

"Shaker schools have zero tolerance with violence and weapons, and we want it that way," Rumbaugh said.

A second change is that no pagers are allowed in school, according to Rumbaugh. If there is an emergency then the parents can call the office, and the student will be notified right away.



Shakerite artwork by Reuben Levine

"A pager does nothing but disrupt," Rumbaugh said.

Student council members juniors Briana Adato, James Bates and Tameka Munroe expressed opposition to the pager rule and hope to revise it, according to their campaign platforms.

Attendance Policy

Students who join math teacher Dennis Hogue in room 10 for tardy detentions will now be meeting him on Wednesdays and Thursdays instead of the Tuesdays and Thursdays of last year. This change was made because the system is now computerized.

Teachers fill in the circles on their bubble sheets and the computer keeps track of tardies. The change in days was made so teachers could have Monday and Tuesday to alert students about their detentions. This method cuts the time involved in half and involves every teacher.

In the past only the teachers who took time to fill out the slips gave tardy detentions. Few of the teachers did. Now the teachers only have to fill in the circles.

Also in the attendance policy a change will be made in the future to automatically, by computer, assign Saturday school to anyone who has an unexcused absence from a class, according to Assistant Principal Randall Yates. Presently this process is being done by hand.

Students need to adhere to the changes, Yates said.

WORLD WATCH

Test your knowledge

1. What two leaders of Israel and the PLO signed a peace treaty for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank?

2. What religions are the battling Serbs and Bosnians?

3. In what city did the 1995 women's conference take place?

4. What American political figure wants to form a third party in the U.S.?

5. Time Warner had an $8 billion buyout of what company?

6. Next year marks Cleveland's _______ anniversary.

7. What health care program is the GOP working to reform?

8. What republic of Russia is fighting for independence?

9. This year marks the ____ anniversary of the United Nations.

10. Where will the 1996 Summer Olympic games take place?

What's your score?

9-10	World Watch Wiz
6-8	News Nut
3-5	Read the paper
1-2	What planet do you come from?

1. Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat 2. Christians and Muslims 3. Beijing 4. Ross Perot 5. Turner Broadcasting 6. 200 7. Medicare 8. Chechnya 9. 50 10. Atlanta

News Briefs

National Merit Scholarship announced

Twenty Shaker seniors were named National Merit and Achievement Semifinalists for '95, and 24 were named National Merit and Achievement Commended Scholars this year. This honor was the result of these students' outstanding performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in 1994.

Students recognized as National Merit Semifinalists are Sean Chang, Dan Goldberg, Alex Hamilton, Ben Hiles, Yoon Hwang, Laura Kushnick, Stephanie Marder, Erin McCourt, Chris Moore, Tory Nims, Josh Penzner, Virginia Pierce, Travis Ribar, Antonio Scinicariello, Kelly Scott, Jennifer Spencer, Hannah Strange and Jessica Zagier.

The National Merit Commended Scholars are Aaron Altose, Andrew Boyd, Carla Chokel, Kristen Conner, Ryan Gohmann, Ethan Hyche, Jennifer Koss, Debbie Libman, Elizabeth Lim, Owen Maresh, Ari Maron, Megan Newell, Pat O'Neal, Michael Schneider, Seema Shah, Scott Strothers, Andrew Thomas and James Town.

Those acclaimed for their superior scores on the PSAT as National Achievement Semifinalists, an honor reserved for African-American students, are Kai Horsley and Shelley Morrison.

Studious Shakerites whose scores qualified them as National Achievement Commended Scholars are Clo Ewing, Ryan Harris, Doug Lee, Kareema Reeder, Maurice Wingfield and Terra Winston.

"This year Shaker has placed at the top of Ohio's public schools for the 10th consecutive year in the number of recognized scholars. It makes me proud to be the principal of such a school," Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said.

-Thomas McGill

Scholarship program donated in honor of Shaker alumni

A fund has been established for *The Shakerite* and *Semanteme* in memory of the late Mae Stuart Dalrymple. Dalrymple died in 1933 in a car accident. Her husband, Byron Dalrymple, died on Sept. 27,1994 and a fund has been established to help aspiring writers at Shaker High School in her memory. The fund has begun with a $5,000 principle and the yearly interest will be given as college scholarships to those students demonstrating a talent for writing. The scholarship selection process has not yet been determined.

Byron Dalrymple was as an accomplished writer himself. He wrote over 5,000 magazine articles for various outdoor magazines including *Southern Outdoor*, *Bassmaster Magazine*, and *Texas Fish and Game*, as well as 33 films and 28 books.

-Anne Zrenda

Men's and women's assemblies to be held in November

A men's only assembly will be held on Nov. 1 during second period preceding the annual women's only assembly third period.

The topics of the assemblies are respect and men and women's place in society, according to W.H.E.W. adviser Christie Bott. .

Retired Indians player Andre Thorton and School Board Member Reverend Marvin McMickle will speak at the men's only assembly. LaDosha Wright, a teen and parent educator for family health will speak at the women's only assembly. The assemblies are voluntary and require an invitation from a teacher, Bott said.

The Committee on Respect, a faculty committee headed by math teacher Alan Siebert, helped to organize the assemblies.

-Nawal Atwan

The power of motivation:

Hogue helps students pass proficiency tests

BY RYAN GOHMANN

Update Editor

The students sat in the 100 degree room in the middle of summer, listening to Mr. Hogue explain their math problems. It is not anybody's idea of the perfect vacation, but these students were there for only one reason: to graduate.

After the 1992 school year a special class was created to help those who had not passed the math portion of the proficiency tests. These classes were made up of sophomores, juniors and seniors, a combination which did not work out, math teacher Dennis Hogue said.

"There was no sense of urgency for the sophomores and juniors, because they had another year or two to pass the test," Hogue said. "The seniors had the motivation of being able to walk across the stage [at graduation]."

Once the underclassmen were moved out of the class, the time was spent more productively, and 34 of the 37 seniors taking the class passed the test. This result was still not completely satisfying, according to Hogue.

"I was sure I could get everyone passed when I started, but I couldn't get three of them. [The class] was a great success, but if you pass 99 out of 100 students, the one that you don't pass kills you," Hogue said.

When the classes during the year failed to help all of the students pass the test, a new class was started in the summer of '94 with the same goals in mind. That first summer, the class started at 8 a.m. The room was extremely hot, according to Hogue, and it cut down on the students' ability to concentrate.

The '94 summer class yielded no passing grades on the tests, so the seniors who had not passed went back to the school math class for another try at learning to pass the proficiency.

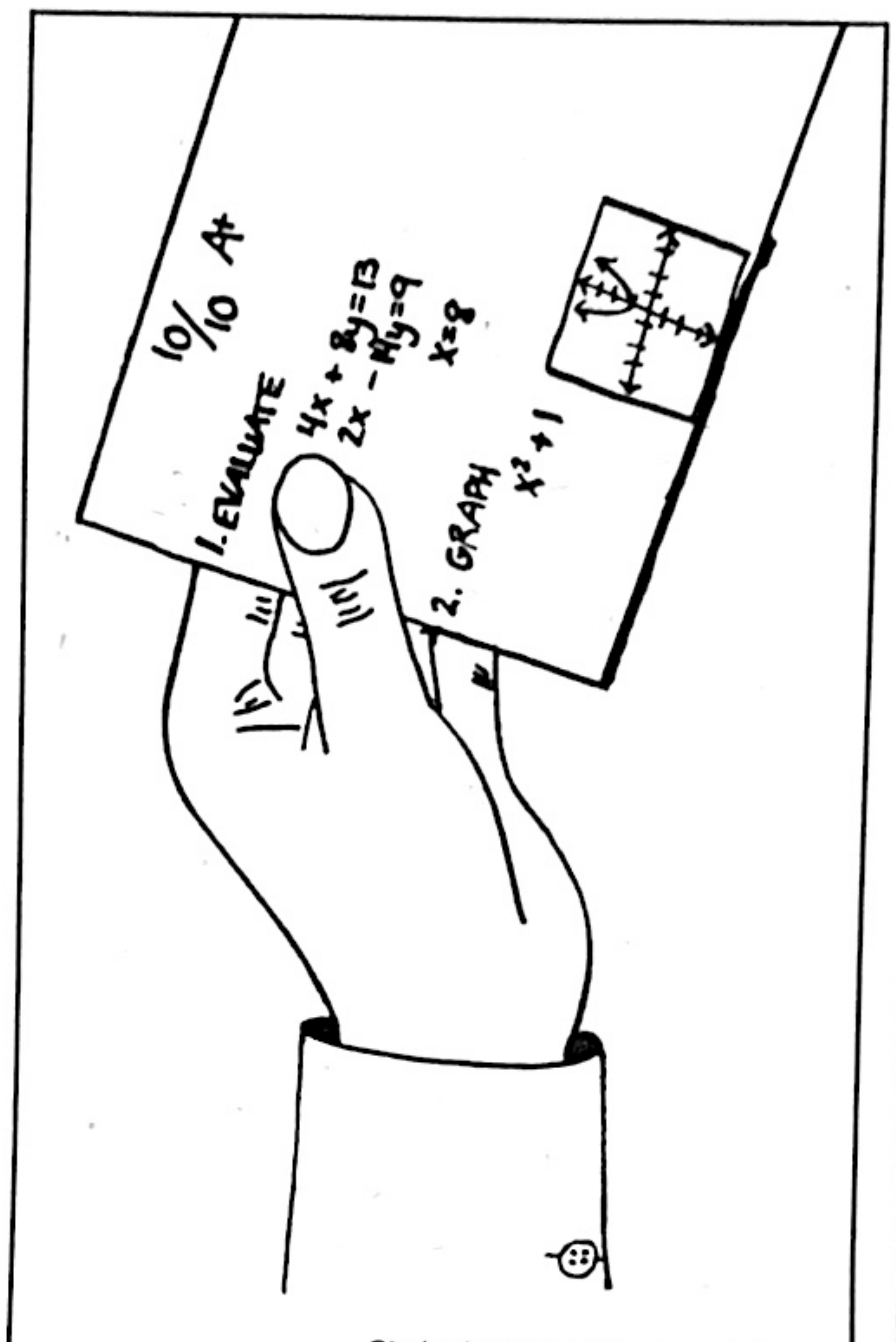
In '95, only four of the students did not pass, and so the summer program was tried once again. This time, the class started an hour later, so the students would be more likely to get there on time. This time, all four of the students passed the test and could therefore graduate, according to Hogue.

Part of the reason the students had an easier time learning all they needed to know during the summer was the atmosphere that was present in the classroom.

"We were a family, because we all had one goal in mind," Hogue said. "When half of the kids passed the test on the first try [last year], we all went to Bob Evans for breakfast to celebrate. The kids that didn't pass went too because it was important for them to feel the same good feeling that those who passed were feeling."

Along with the specially-designed class, the PROBE group, which also works with students who need help on the math proficiency, has made great contributions to the number of students that have now passed the test and graduated, according to Hogue.

Hogue now gets a year off from teaching the proficiency class, with Walter Slovikowski and Laurie White taking over.



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Students react to new schedule

"There are many people in the school to only allow four minutes between classes. When we tried the new schedule last year many of the seniors were on project and the new freshmen class is bigger than the senior class was last year."

-Kristan Shenk

"What is so bad about the new schedule? Nothing, it is what we want, a longer lunch and a shorter school time."

-S.X. Chang

"I like the new schedule because I never had enough time to eat. But the halls are crowded to the point that I am at a standstill much of the time trying to get to another class across the school."

-Carrie Lewine

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Plain Dealer ranking unfair, but Shaker can improve program

THE RITE IDEA

An August edition of the *Plain Dealer* examined test results of Ohio students and ranked schools accordingly. The statistics used were based on fourth grade acheivement tests and ninth grade proficiency tests.

The survey also evaluated the quality of the schools by using a point system in which the actual points recieved were subtracted from the predicted points for Shaker's socioeconomic situation. Shaker was ranked 65th among the Northeast Ohio schools surveyed, a rank far lower than the school system traditionally recieves and deserves.

According to a letter Superintendent Mark Freeman sent to the staff, he and a team of statistical analysts met with *Plain Dealer* representatives to discuss the results. It was concluded from this meeting that the methods used in the survey did not use professional techniques.

In evaluating the acheivement test scores, the *Plain Dealer* based its rating on the percentage of students earning a score above a specific point. According to Claudia J. Coulton, PhD., Professor and co-director of the Center for Urban Poverty and Social Change at Case Western Reserve University, the results failed to show the number of students exceeding this score and how far above the score students scored. In other words, instead of rewarding excellence, the study rewarded average performance.

Aside from the actual method of rating, Ralph O'Brien, PhD., director of the Collaborative Biostatisticians' Group at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation said that the *Plain Dealer* did not use statistics experts in evaluating its data.

Obviously the study was misrepresentative of the typical ratings Shaker recieves. In the April, 1994, issue of *Redbook* magazine, the high school was rated first in the state. The criteria used were challenging curricula, knowledgable teachers, parental involvement, technology, extracurricular and community service activities, a strong principal and positive competition.

In addition, Shaker has had consisitently high percentages of national merit semifinalists and scholars. In fact, this year, the high school's 18 semifinalists are the most of all public schools. Ninety percent of Shaker graduates attend college, and last year 75 students won scholarships totaling almost $1.4 million. More than three-quarters of Shaker teachers have a master's degree or higher.

A better technique may be to rate the schools on student and parent satisfaction. Perhaps the *Plain Dealer* should have considered some of these factors in determining their "education equation" and arriving at the results they did.

Although our school system certainly deserves a higher rating, there are several ways to improve our scores and raise them to the expected level.

Shaker offers the PROBE system to students to improve their scores on the math proficiency test. Students in need of aid in math have the unique opportunity to attend these workshops. If students fail to take advantage of this program, they have a greater chance of failing the test.

It is also important for parents to stay involved in their children's school work by monitoring progress and responding to poor grades. Parental involvement can help raise a student's self-esteem and will to achieve. The schools could become more parent oriented at both the high school and elementary levels by having evening conferences and by bringing parents into the schools on a regular basis.

These minor changes could have a positive influence on the school system's reputation and competitivness, as well as help students more effectively.

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to freshmen (somebody has to like them).

Cheers to duct tape and freshmen (but not everybody).

Jeers to crowded hallways.

Cheers to one-way stairways and traffic lights in the halls.

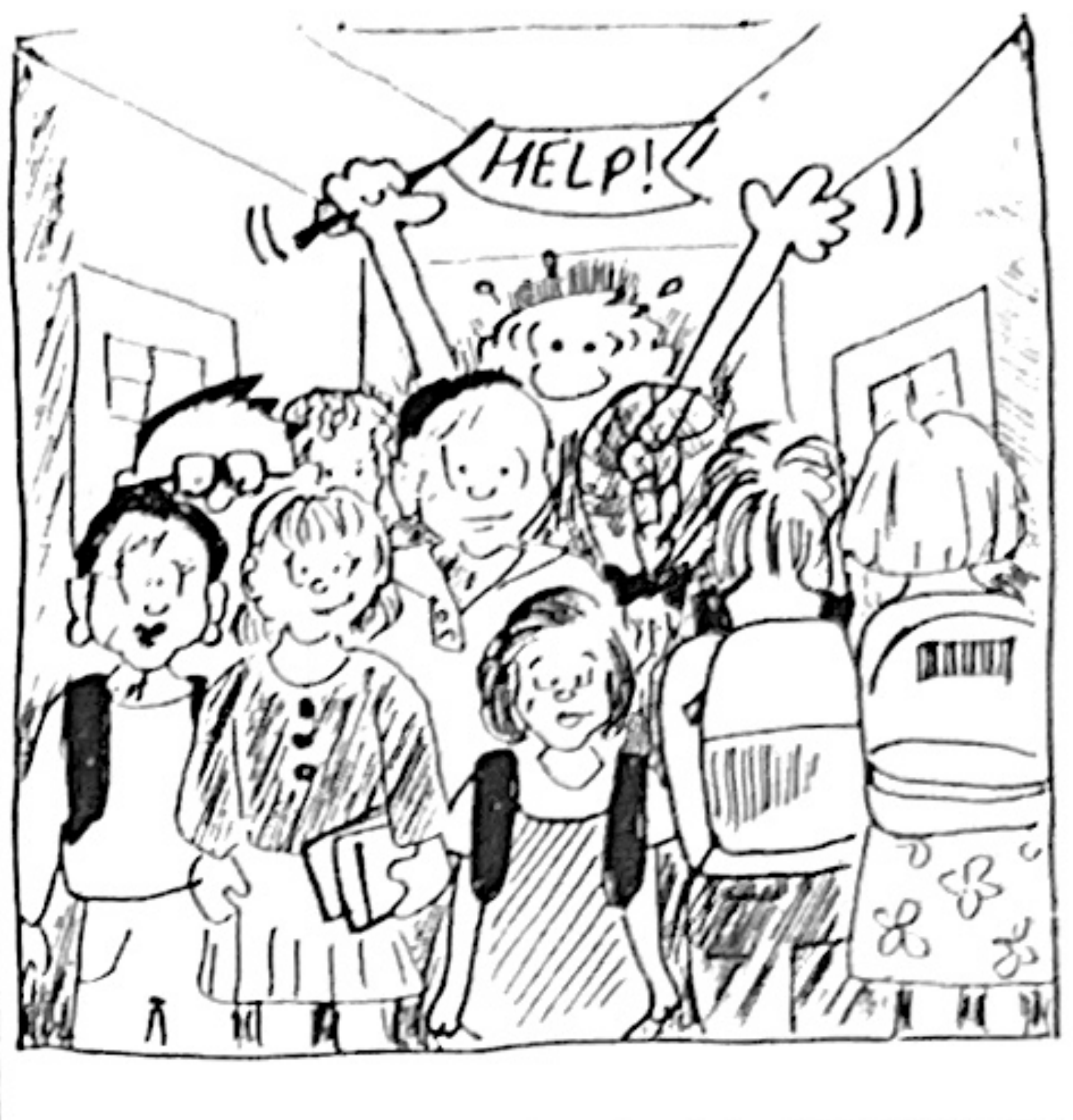
Jeers to getting here at 7:30 to find a parking spot.

Cheers to finals. They're still four months away.

Jeers to windows without screens.

Cheers to the students who stayed for Student Government Day, and cheers to those who won the election.

Jeers to everyone else, who left.



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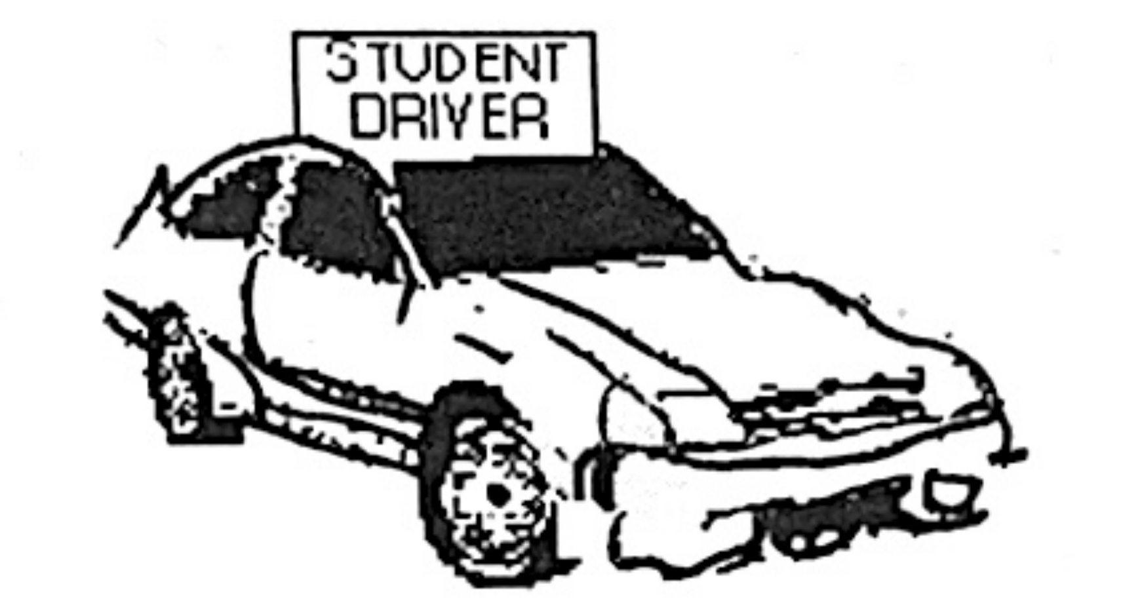

Cheers to blue M&Ms.

Jeers to the weather.

Cheers to student drivers.

Jeers to finals. They're only four months away.

Cheers to the new Shakerite mailbox.

Jeers to homeroom.

THE TOP TEN

Excuses for Walking Without a Pass...

10. "I had a pass, but I left it in my locker."
9. "I'm just going to the bathroom. Really."
8. "I'm going to see my counselor. Again."
7. "I'm going to find a pay phone. My beeper just went off."
6. "My friends are all outside the science wing smoking dope, and I thought I'd just go join them."
5. **"Dr. Rumbaugh told me to pull the fire alarm. I'm not kidding. Go ask him."**
4. "I was just looking for you, Mr. Security Guard."
3. "Hi! Can I have your signature?"
2. "You'll have to catch me first, buster."

...and the number one excuse is...

1. "Quick! Look behind you! Is that Dr. Rumbaugh?"

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Republicans hypocritical

BY MILES BERGER
Co-Arts & Entertainment Editor

During the last decade, our country won the Cold War. This victory was seen by many as a victory for democracy. Additionally, many saw this victory as a win for the Republican Party, since many believed the hard-line policies of Ronald Reagan won the Cold War. It is most ironic, therefore, that today's Republican Party is more interested in following the dictatorial spirit of the former Soviet Union than the democratic spirit of America.

Republicans want total control over the thoughts of every American. They don't want people to be able to read books or see movies they deem inappropriate. That is, unless the stars of such movies are white, like Arnold Schwartzenegger. When the stars and directors of such movies are black, however, Republicans decry these movies as satanic. Not only do they deny funding to programs that help inner city youth overcome the cycle of violence and poverty, they also want to suppress their attempts to complain about their situation through music.

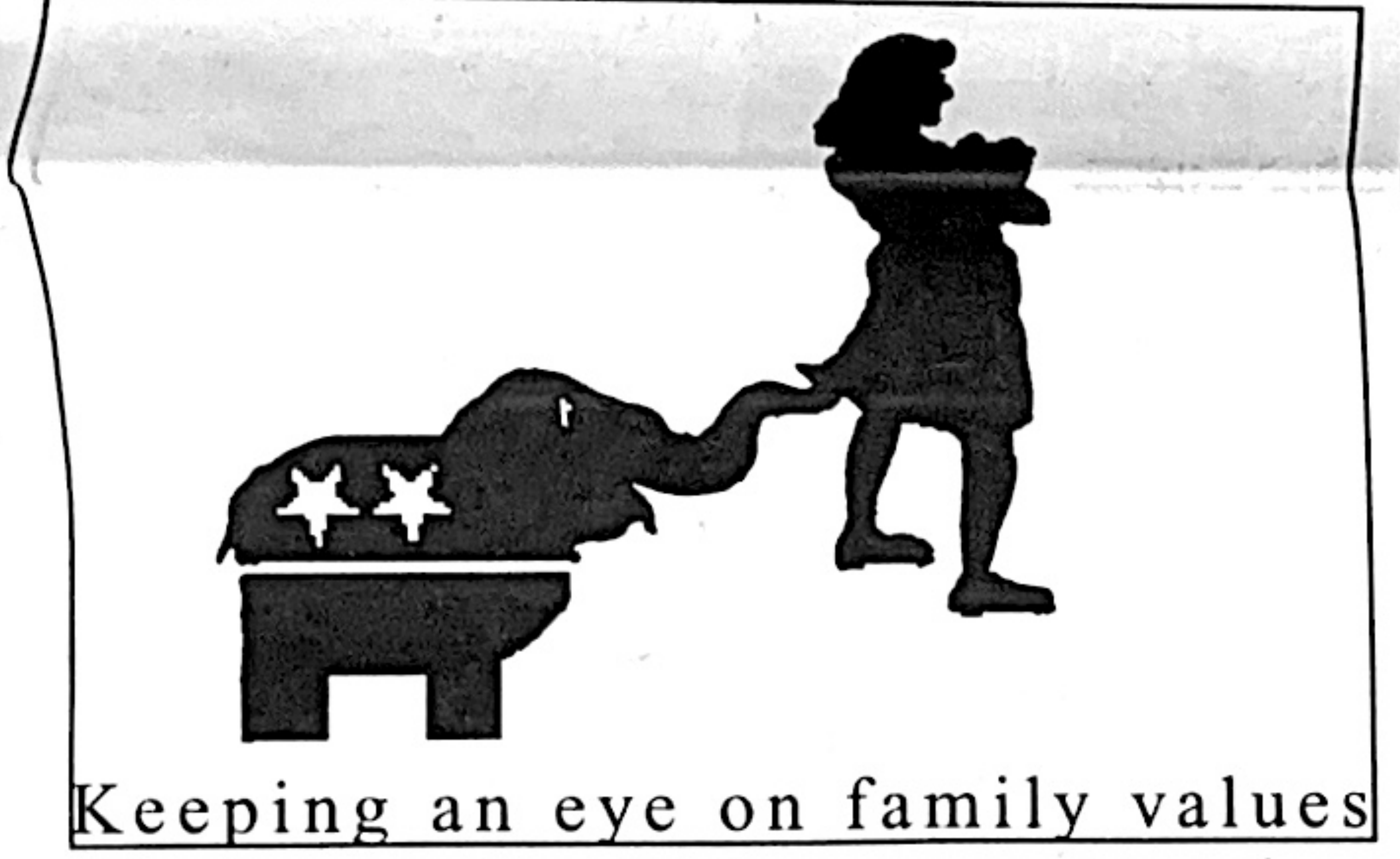
The second step in the Republican's plan to control our thoughts is to build a bridge over the ravine that separates church and state. They want required prayers in school, in which children who hold beliefs different from the mainstream white Christian approach will likely be chastised.

Even the religious preachings of the Republican party, however, are nothing more than a textbook definition of hypocrisy. Politicians like Newt Gingrich like to get up on their high horse and preach family values down to the common man, but it is Gingrich and other like him who have no morals.

Gingrich has been rumored to have had at least one affair with a young campaign worker, and once remarked to a friend that he prefers to only have oral sex so he can claim he never slept with any of those women. In 1969, presidential candidate Phil Gramm's wife filed for divorce on the basis of "excesses and cruel treatment." In 1971, Bob Dole, who is currently working on a welfare-reform bill to "strengthen families," left his teenage daughter and the wife who had nursed him through his war wounds.

This situation shows the most insidious aspect of the Republican party: they are not mere whacked-out radicals, they are hypocrites. Republicans preach about deregulation to get government out of people's way, but their real motive is to make sure they get their campaign funds filled to capacity so they can throw more mud-slinging commercials at us next election season.

When Communism fell in Europe, it was mainly because citizens realized that their leaders were lying to them. It will only be a matter of time before Americans see through the hypocrisy of today's Republicans and throw them out of office, because the religious right has more in common with Soviet Union style dictatorship than American-style democracy. (Note: the religious right is neither religious nor right, the writer of this article merely continued using this misnomer to further showcase Republican hypocrisy.)



Keeping an eye on family values

Student council deserves attention

BY MARIE FRISOF
Opinion Editor

At noon on a recent Thursday, the halls were empty. The classrooms were deserted, the cafeteria silent, and the gyms abandoned. No, it wasn't a previously unannounced national holiday, a fire drill, or a massive all-school field trip. It was Student Government Day.

If our response to new-found representation and the right to vote is indicative of our response when we come of voting age, Abraham Lincoln's government of the people, by the people, and for the people may very well perish from this earth.

The principle of democracy rests on the assumption that the common man is intelligent and dedicated enough to make wise decisions in the voting booth. In other words, a strong democracy requires an educated public. And this does not refer to the ability to add or multiply.

To make accurate decisions about student representatives, it is necessary for students to know something about who they are voting for, and why.

It is true that our situation is different from a large-scale democracy. The school is a small, closed community, and most students probably know or know of all the candidates running for student council. This does not, however, justify our extreme lack of interest in the election proceedings.

By failing to take an active part in the creation of student council, we have lost the right to complain if the new student council fails to meet our expectations. No degree of prior familiarity with the candidates justifies the fact that fewer than 20 seniors attended the speeches of their classmates, or that fewer than 60 juniors bothered to come to the south gym.

There is no real hope of change, minor or major, if it is not clear to all involved that student council has the broad support of the student body, and not just the encouragement of a few isolated students.

We have gone a long time without meaningful representation in the schools. Now we have a chance to come together and speak for our rights as students and as people. Let's not blow it.

This is it, Shaker. Now is the time to act, that government of the people, by the people, and for the people perishes neither from this earth nor this school.

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Graduate of Shaker Schools; attended John Carroll U. & Cuyahoga Community College; Chevrolet Management School; Nissan Management School.

Relevant Experience:
Manages personnel, budgeting & forecasting & responsible for profit & loss of Ganley Nissan; president and founder of People's Auto Rental; service director at Blaushild Chevrolet; participates in PTO; member of executive board at Fernway; PTO council representative to the administration at Fernway; coach in Shaker Rec. Summer Softball.

Children in Shaker Schools:
Morissa, Fernway, fourth grade.

Political Affiliation:
Independent.

Nancy Moore

Occupation:
Freelance writer for Eastwood Publications Development, Inc.

Education:
Graduate of Vassar College; B.A. in French & German, George Washington U: Secondary Teacher Certification, George Mason U; M.S. in French Language & Linguistics, Georgetown U; Elementary and Secondary Education Certification, John Carroll U.

Relevant Experience:
Teacher, French German & Social Studies, Virginia; founder Shaker Association for the Gifts in Children; freelance writer for Shaker Magazine; co-chair of Committee to Elect Rev. Marvin McMickle, Shaker B.O.E; substitute teacher, teacher's aid & tutor, Shaker schools; secretary, Sussex Community Association; co-chair, Shaker Heights After-Prom; Shaker PTA/PTO volunteer; president, Shaker Parents Aware.

Children in Shaker Schools:
David, graduate, Class of 1995; Brian, High School, sophomore; Micheal, Middle School, seventh grade; Katie, Woodbury, fifth grade.

Political Affiliation:
Independent.

Freda Levenson

Occupation:
Adjunct Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University.

Education:
Graduate of Shaker schools; B.A. from Wellesley College; J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

Relevant Experience:
Chaired successful 1995 levy campaign; trustee of the Shaker Schools foundation; chair of PTO Council Legislation Committee; trustee of the Shaker Family Center; founded "A Night for the Red & White"; volunteer in Shaker schools.

Children in Shaker schools:
Twins Zeke & Chloe, Middle School, seventh grade; Arlo, Mercer, fourth grade.

Political Affiliation:
Running on Citizen's Committee slate with Zack Paris.

Zack Paris

Occupation:
Partner at Jones, Day Reavis & Pogue; an expert in real estate, finance & tax matters.

Education:
Moved to Shaker after completing college & law school at Yale.

Relevant Experience:
Trustee of Mt. Sinai Medical Center; trustee of the Hanna Perkins School; trustee of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland; member of the Cleveland World Trade Center Development Task Force; recipient of Kane Young Leadership Award of Cleveland Jewish Community Federation.

Children in Shaker Schools:
Jeremy, graduate, Class of 1993; Norman, High School, senior.

Political Affiliation:
Running on Citizen's Committee slate with Freda Levinson.

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Affirmative Action?

Brightest students hurt by quotas

BY RYAN GOHMANN
Update Editor

Affirmative action was created to alleviate any prejudice whatsoever in the selection of people for positions of employment. This procedure has also extended into the area of college entrances, and recently the University of California did away with any racial consideration as far as the admission of applicants. Finally, admissions will depend on the merit of the student rather than their ethnic heritage.

When I fill out applications to college, I always stop at the part that says "ethnic background," and I always wonder what putting caucasian will do to my chances of getting in. I'm part Native American, although only a very small percentage, and I often feel like I would have no problem getting into the school if I was to "take advantage" of my Native American heritage. This fact is quite sad, but chances are I would be more likely to gain admission to the college of my choice if I was under the title "Native American," instead of simply caucasian.

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What affirmative action has basically done is shift the prejudice to the other side of the equation. For years, minorities have been kept from equal opportunity, which is inexcusable. If, however, that was inexcusable, keeping caucasians from having equal opportunity is also wrong.

Although the problem may seem huge and unchangeable, there is a very simple solution. All we have to do is send just the initials of the student, the student's grades, and whatever essays the college wants submitted. This way, the selection process will be made based on how the student performed, rather than what color they are.

Another solution would be to computerize the process, which would eliminate all prejudices the admissions officers may harbor. Everyone has certain prejudices, and there is really nothing that we as a society can do to completely erase these prejudices. If, however, a non-biased computer was doing the selecting, then any type of racism could be avoided.

What colleges need is an objective vehicle which will base each decision on the merit of the student. It may be that the officials need to resort to making the applications anonymous, or perhaps the applications need to be computerized, but there has to be some way to take the special treatment out of applying for college. Otherwise, the whole nation could end up like me, wishing that they could exploit an ethnic background that they should instead be proud of.

" Right now [stopping affirmative action] is something that will work negatively for our race. In about 15 years when we learn to be more independent, it'll be just the push we need."
-Glen Hunter, junior

"I don't like affirmative action. I don't think you should look at quotas or fill out demographic standards for a college."
-Julia LaManna, sophomore

"Education is the only place where affirmative action belongs. It doesn't belong in the work place, but education is the only place where a person can get ahead."
-Susan Murray, junior

"African-Americans with criteria should be admitted, but colleges shouldn't lower the level for people who wouldn't otherwise get in. We have as much opportunity as the next person if we are willing to get off our lazy behinds and work."
-Bernice Slayton, Bus Driver

Affirmative Action:

Critics charge that it has gone too far; that the critical balance between justice and prejudice has tipped. And that whites are suffering for sins long past and long forgotten.

Proponents argue that affirmative action only helps to rectify current inequities, and that minorities still suffer for hatred never abandoned.

Is there a middle ground?

"A nation riven by factions, in which the minority has no hope of ever becoming a majority, or in which some group knows it is perpetually outcast, will seem oppressive to its members, whatever the legal pretensions."
-Henry Kissinger

"The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line."
-W.E.B. Du Bois

"Racism...asserts that one group has the stigmata of superiority and the other has those of inferiority."
-Ruth Benedict

"No one has been barred on account of his race from fighting or dying for America—there are no 'white' or 'colored' signs on the foxholes or graveyards of battle."
-John F. Kennedy

Minorities still subject to prejudice

BY MARIE FRISOF
Opinion Editor

For more than two centuries, African-Americans were routinely enslaved and universally denied the rights and freedoms of citizenship. In the century immediately following emancipation, they struggled against a government and society inherently biased against them. Then, in the aftermath of the civil rights movement, affirmative action became part of a national policy to eliminate discrimination in the work place and the schools.

The regents of the University of California just decided, under the auspices of California's conservative governor, Pete Wilson, to do away with affirmative action in all of California's public universities.

Their action would not be so disturbing if the past 20 years of affirmative action had totally destroyed some of the more basic inequities and if the factors considered in college admissions procedures were not inherently biased toward a white middle-class upbringing.

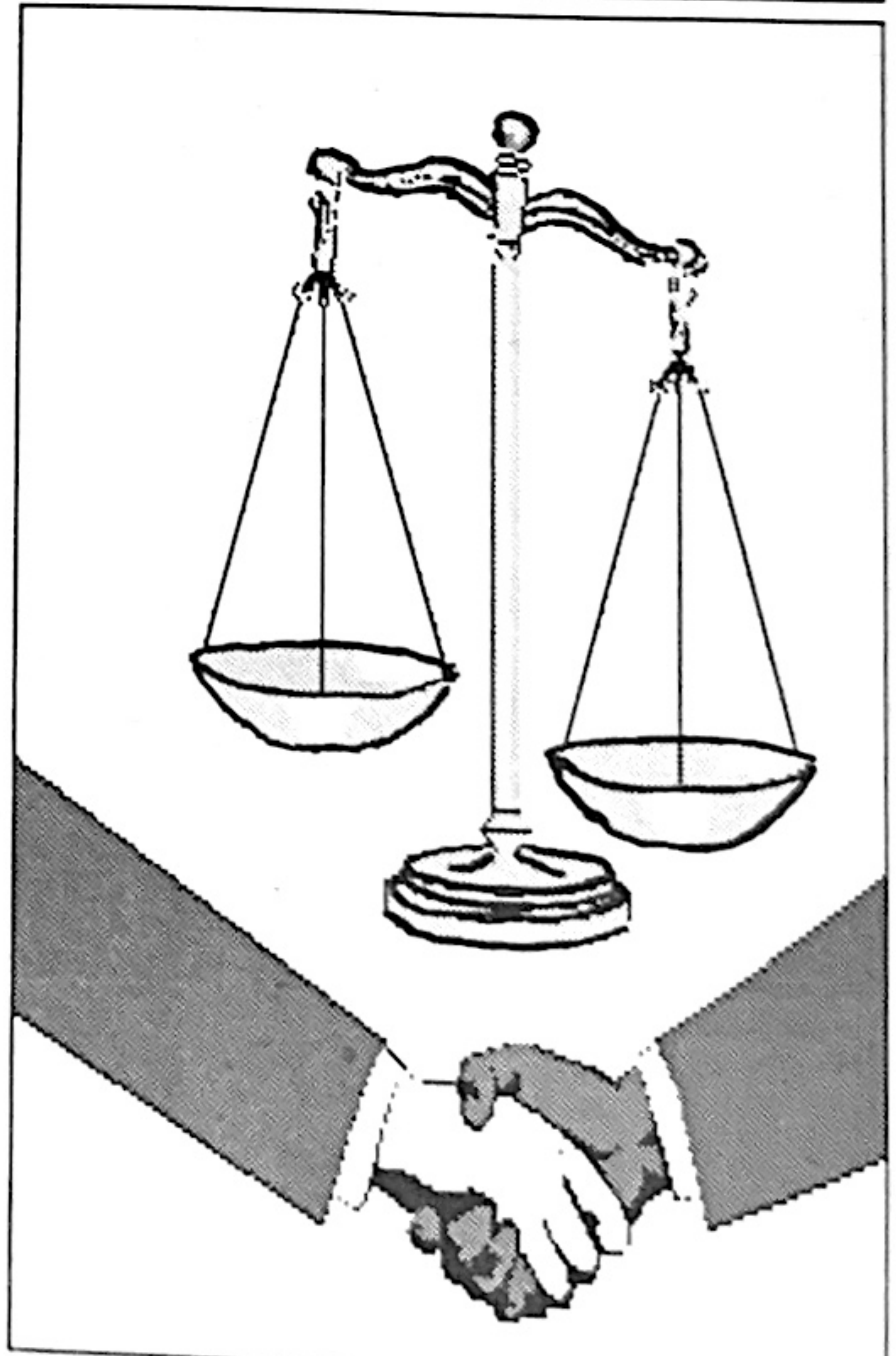
> ***“Affirmative action, as it exists, does not bias the game against whites. It merely levels the playing field.”***

African-Americans and other minorities still tend to have lower salaries than caucasians, and as a result tend to live in poorer neighborhoods with poorer schools. And they tend to end up with a poorer education and lower chances of being accepted into a top quality college. The fact also remains that the majority of people in power in colleges - professors, admissions officials, regents, and university presidents - are white.

These factors alone are enough to bias colleges against African-American students, but the situation is exacerbated by a college admissions test that many experts feel tests 'experience' rather than 'knowledge' or 'potential.' And the experience that seems to produce the best results on the P.S.A.T. or the S.A.T. is that of a white child of a moderately wealthy background. Caucasian children of middle-class background tend to do better on the S.A.T. than African-Americans of middle-class or lower-class background, regardless of I.Q. The S.A.T. then becomes one of the determining factors in college admissions.

Until all children enter elementary school with a minimum level of education and until all elementary schools meet certain basic standards of quality education, affirmative action cannot be eliminated from college admission procedures. When colleges find a new way to screen applicants, one that does not rely on experience-based admissions tests, then affirmative action is no longer necessary.

Affirmative action, as it currently exists, does not bias the rules of the game against caucasians. It merely levels the playing field. And the regents of the University of California were wrong to tilt the playing field back in the other direction, making an already distant goal even harder to achieve.

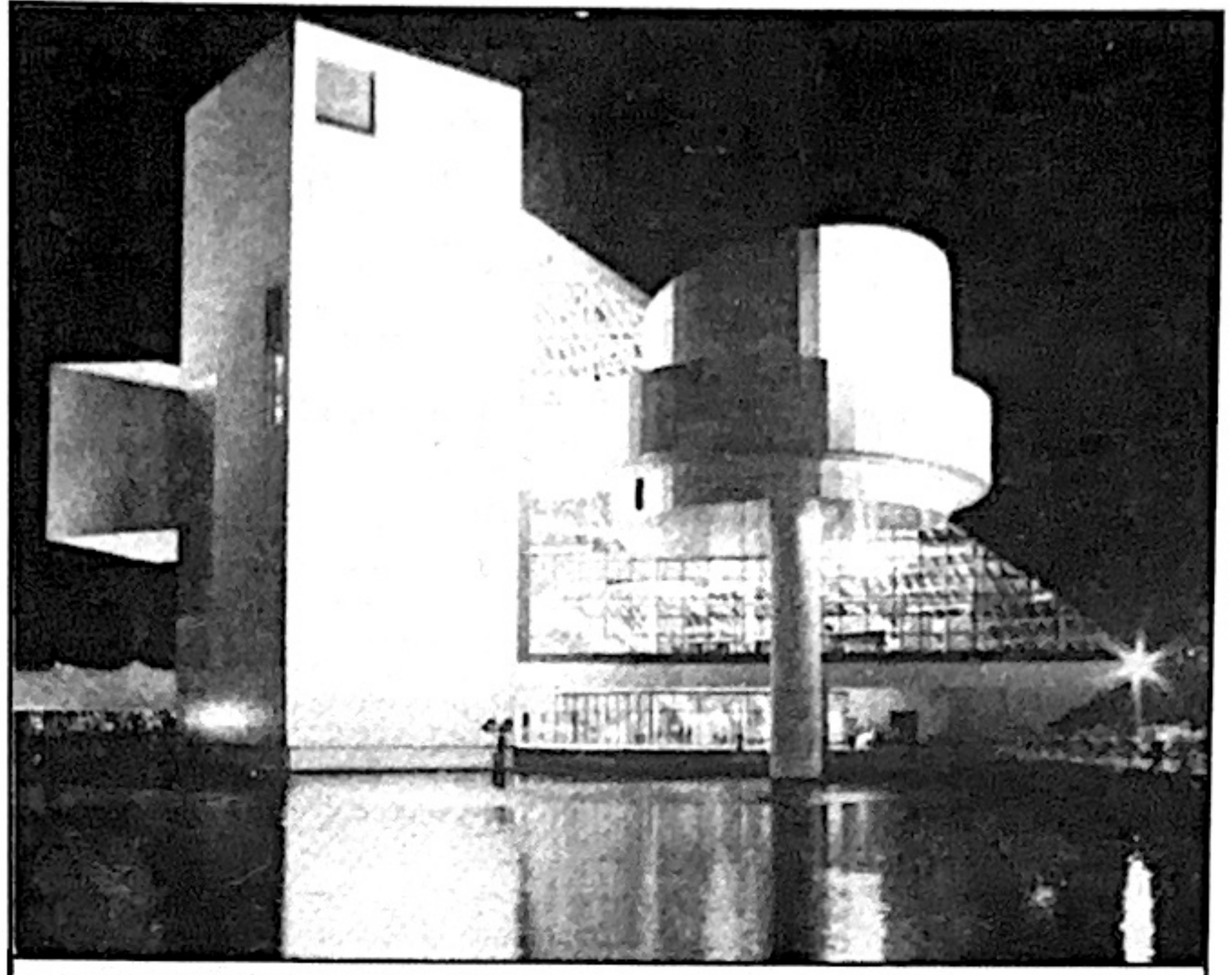


Top Five Reasons to go to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:

5)You can't see Elvis's toenail clippings at Graceland.
4)You can't call yourself a true Clevelander without having waited in line for an hour to get in.
3)You can buy a T-shirt and pretend you went to the concert.
2) We hear Boy George looks really cute in his tights.
1) You can't get Indians playoff tickets.

Rock Hall not concert of century

MILES BERGER
Co-Arts and Entertainment Editor



THE HOME OF ROCK AND ROLL. Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame had its grand opening four weeks ago. It was celebrated by a huge concert at the Cleveland Municipal Stadium.
Shakerite photo courtesy of John Williams

It was billed as the concert of the century, a jam session between such rock legends as Chuck Berry, Bruce Springsteen, James Brown, George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic. The only problem with the concert for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was that it did not meet these expectations.

The concert started promptly at 7:30, with Bruce Springsteen and Chuck Berry hammering out the opening chords of "Johnie B. Goode." They were not playing to a full crowd, however, because the wait lines to get in to the stadium took too long. Some people who had to pick up their tickets at the will call window never got in, and they were not given refunds.

Once I got into the stadium, things only improved slightly. Thirty dollars is a lot to pay for a concert ticket, and all mine bought me was a seat so far away from the stage I could not tell who was who even with binoculars.

In addition to the fact that most people's seats were far from the stage, the sound was horrible. The stadium created enough echoes to virtually destroy the sound mix, and the sound system was underpowered. In fact, the sound system looked like it was the same size as the one at the Agora– which has a capacity of under 2,000.

As the concert progressed, there were some memorable performances. James Brown indulged the crowd by dancing while singing "I Feel Good." The Pretenders impressed the audience with "My City was Gone," which contains references to Cleveland. George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, joined by former Sly and The Family Stone bassist Larry Graham, also got the crowd grooving during their set.

Other memorable performances included John Fogerty's "Born on the Bayou," and "Fortunate Son." The Allman Brothers also got the crowd moving with their southern-fried guitar-based jamming. The highlight of the night, however, was when Jon Bon Jovi and Richie Sambora performed a simple acoustic version of John Lennon's "Imagine," and "Give Peace a Chance." The sound of 60,000 people singing "All we are saying, is give peace a chance," was one of those transcendant experience that occasionally happen at rock concerts, in which people forget whatever else was on their minds and just listen to the music.

This high point, however, did not extend to the end of the concert. Instead of ending with a huge jam session, the stage cues got confused and the concert ended abruptly. The concert ended with a weak performance by Bruce Springsteen, Melissa Etheridge and Chuck Berry. According to a *Plain Dealer* review, Berry had told Etheridge and Springsteen to play in the key of E flat, but he played it in G. I have a good ear, but the sound mix was so horrible I could not even tell that Berry was out of key.

Although it was heavy on star power, the concert for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame did not meet its expectations. In addition to the poor sound and overpriced tickets, many of the artists scheduled to perform (Alice in Chains, Dr Dre) did not. Also, most of the new artists (Melissa Etheridge, Sheryl Crow) did not play any of their own songs. The only consolation for those who went to the concert is that if they can find a videotape of it, the HBO broadcast actually had good sound.

KIP'S PIKS

Beauty of *Clockers* in its realism

Clockers was not a very funny movie except when Spike Lee popped up. He just makes you laugh. You're like, "Hey, that's him! Ar har har!" because he's acting...funny. And it's doubly funny, irony funny and funny funny, because you know he's the man putting the seriousness into this ultra serious movie, and here he is acting funny.

But other than that, it was not funny. It was realistic. The kind of naked realism that has plenty of merit in its inherent beauty, but makes us squirm anyway because it's disturbing. What can disturb us more than real life? And not only is it real life, its the real life of people in places and situations I've been fortunate enough to have never been in. So when I say it was realisitic, I mean it seems realistic plenty enough to me, who has never lived in the projects of Brooklyn.

People die in the movie. And there is no lack of close-ups on how long could bodies that were slaughtered in ways no living creature should be. Real close-ups, of real dead people, I suppose straight from police files.

Anyways, lots of people die and sell drugs, and lots of young kids are corrupted. Good people do bad things – or are they bad people, and we're just sympatetic? Or is everyone bad, or is everyone good? This is a movie. A real life movie. So of course it's depressing.

But hey, it's worth seeing. The cinematography is nothing short of...er..cool. Honest. It's beautiful. The movie is beautiful and ugly all at the same time.

I babble, eh? Well it's the middle of the night, and I am here at Chuck's diner in the midle of the night on a Tuesday, and I've still got a book to read for English by first period tomorow. So I'm here with my BLT and coffee, and I just spent $6.50 out of my own pocket to write this article. I get no grades or credit points. I don't even get subsidized – I'm working on that.

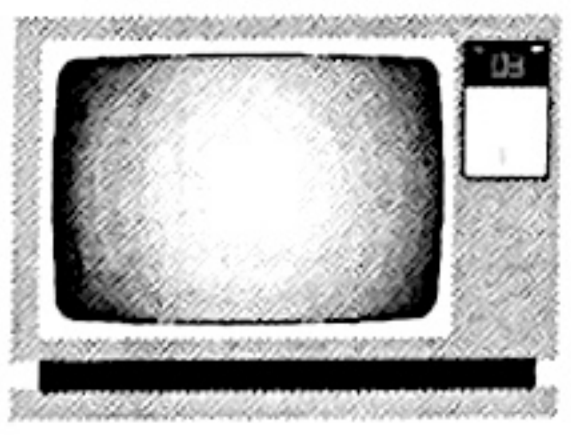
Am I sufficiently justified in getting this far off the point? Support my cause. I'm a man on a mission. I see movies and tell you, my loyal readers, all about them. I do hope you are really out there, loyal readers.

Hey, see *Rosemary's Baby*, but don't read the back cover of the video case. It will ruin it. And see the *Mystery of Rampo*. It will smack you silly. OK. Bye. Stop by Chuck's Diner sometime, on Lee Rd. We're always open. Tell Chuck I sent ya.

—Kip Britt

New fall TV shows flood screens

BY JESSICA WEEKS
Co-Arts and Entertainment Editor



Autumn is the season of big piles of leaves, football games and carving pumpkins. But this fall, if you try to watch even half of all the new prime-time television shows that the major networks are spewing out, you won't even have time to dig your rake out of the garage.

Along with the regular September rush of season premieres of such established favorites as Fox's "Melrose Place" and "Party of Five" and NBC's "Friends" and "ER," the six major networks are in a frenzy trying to improve their ratings with dozens of new series.

A major trend is the flood of "Friends" lookalikes. For instance, Fox's "Too Something" and "The Crew," WB's "First Time Out" and CBS's "Can't Hurry Love" are all comedies about groups of friends dealing with life together. A coincidence? Considering the outstanding success "Friends" has enjoyed, other networks hope to bank in on the fad as well.

However, the ever-popular family sitcom has not been forgotten. A number of new comedies promise to be strong contenders for top ratings this season. In all, there are a total of fifty sitcoms planned to air each week. Quite a few of the new shows flaunt well-known actors from previously popular programs. "Blossom" stud Joey Lawrence and real-life siblings Matthew and Andy costar on NBC's "Brotherly Love." "Growing Pains" alumni Kirk Cameron stars as a struggling actor on his new show, WB's "Kirk." Jeff Foxworthy of "you know you're a redneck" fame also snagged his own sitcom, as did Clevelander Drew Carey in ABC's "The Drew Carey Show."

Dramas are making a strong showing as well. A number of series in the vein of ABC hit "NYPD Blue" have emerged, such as CBS's "John Grisham's The Client" and "Courthouse" and ABC's "Murder One." CBS's "American Gothic," a spooky drama about a corrupt sheriff in a small South Carolina town, has gotten excellent reviews.

The producer of Fox's "Melrose Place" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" uses tried-and-true formula again in a new series called "Central Park West." Boasting actresses Lauren Hutton and Madchen Amick, the show promises to be just as juicy as its predecessors.

Prime-time aside, another genre that's big this year is the talk show. Channel 8 promises seven hours of talk shows daily. In addition to old favorites such as "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Geraldo", a bunch of new shows hosted by TV and music stars has sprung up. "Carnie" is hosted by Carnie Wilson of the band Wilson Philips and "Gabrielle" is hosted by Gabrielle Carteris of "90210." Tempestt Bledsoe of "The Cosby Show" hosts "Tempestt" and Danny Bonaduce (yes, the guy from "The Partridge Family") hosts "Danny."

So whether you like comedy, drama or just a good old trashy talk show about pregnant aliens on welfare, turn on your television at any hour of the day, and you'll be sure to catch one of this season's new shows.

Shaker students toot horns with fellow Clevelanders

As the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony kicks off another season, almost three dozen Shaker students are there to play their parts.

The following students auditioned and were accepted as a part of the 200 - member group:

Robert Davis
Virginia Pierce
Daniel Williams
Amber Chisolm
Tempe Hubbard
Dinesh Joseph
Max Hoffman
Katie Baron
Kate Ciepluch
Sarah Frisof
Mark Samols
Jakob Rinderknecht
Richard McCormack
Jessica Weeks
Kate Goheen
Candace Hamilton
Kim Lyons
Jim Dunn

Malina Shaw
Zach Davis
Abbey Fitch
Eric Limbach
Gillian Boyd
Jon Laguardia
Dean Mescudi
Eric Doll
Faisal Khan
Abe Kinkopf
Graham Lanz
Joel Williams
Koto Ishida
David Pearson
Michael Schneider
Dina Levi
Julian Stewart

What do Clevelanders Forget?

Metroparks Zoo

✔In Brookside Park
✔Rated one of the 20 best zoos in America

Severance Hall

✔The home of world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra, the world's best orchestra

Blossom Music Center

✔Near Cuyahoga Falls
✔Site of many outdoor concerts

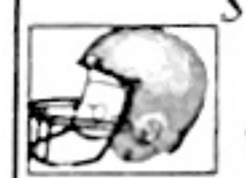
Cleveland Museum of Art

✔Boasts one of the nation's best collections of American, Asian and European art

Cleveland Health Museum

✔First permanent health museum
✔Founded in 1940

Cleveland Municipal Stadium



✔One of the oldest stadiums remaining
✔Home of the Cleveland Browns

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The heart of rock and roll

BY LESLIE SIMON AND RACHEL ZINN

Co-Centerpiece Editors

"They talk about the Renaissance of Cleveland–well, it all started in the Flats. It's only fitting that the place of its birth should be the place of its rebirth."

This quote from Joe Mazzola, the Executive Director of the Flats Oxbo Center, speaks for many Clevelanders. The recent addition of the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, which gained Cleveland international attention, is a major step in the reconstruction of the lakefront.

Allen Fried was a D.J. in Cleveland who first coined the term "Rock n' Roll," according to VH1 News. The Hall of Fame celebrates this history, with exhibits ranging from Cab Calloway to Elvis to Nirvana. Another main attraction is the anthology of rock, chronicling its popularity through recent years.

While Cleveland may have been the butt of jokes in the past, some locals hope that the new additions to Cleveland will be the start of national notoriety for the city.

"I think now that we have the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland will be more of an attraction than other cities. Now we are the center of attention," sophomore Guillermo Ortiz said.

An important recent event in Cleveland was the opening of the Rock n' Roll Hall, which featured a concert headlining both old and new names in music. Some Shaker students were lucky enough to obtain tickets to this largely publicized event.

"It was good, but not many of the bands played their own songs. I was kind of disappointed with it, but overall I had a great time. It definitely brought publicity to Cleveland," junior Lesley Federman said.

"The exhibits are decided on by the HR Verdict Group, which is based in California. An inductee is placed in the Hall of Fame if their record has been out for 25 years. A committee in the industry chooses who will be inducted based on all musical genres," Alex Hamilton, Account Executive of the Rock n' Roll Museum said.

The majority of the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame is actually a museum. The museum uses all types of media to represent many kinds of music, as well as describe the music industry itself.

However, the Hall of Fame is only the tip of the urban iceberg. According to Mazzola, an RTA line will soon be built along Northcoast Harbor with two stops in the Flats.

"There are times when the police actually have to turn people away because no more cars can fit in the Flats. The new line should help access considerably," Mazzola said.

Shaker students agree that the RTA line will improve access to the Flats, especially for students.

"An RTA Line would be sweet! I'd definitely ride it to go down to Hooters. I think I speak for the entire male population of our school when I say that's the first place I would visit," junior Pat McMenamin said.

Another new attraction in the Flats will be the Great Lakes Science Museum, which will feature 50,000 square feet of hands-on interactive exhibits, according to the Cleveland Convention & Visitors Bureau. Also, there are plans to build an aquarium with a 200 ft. see-through tube so that visitors will be able to walk through a giant fish tank.

"I'm really excited about the aquarium. It's just one of the things that will attract people to Cleveland. It will also be good for the city because now that it is more popular, it may attract businesses to locate here," freshman Bryan Barnes said.

Even though new additions are stealing center stage, students still enjoy the old favorites that Cleveland has to offer.

"I've always liked Tower City, just because it was the start of Cleveland trying to be more productive," senior Billy Jennings said.

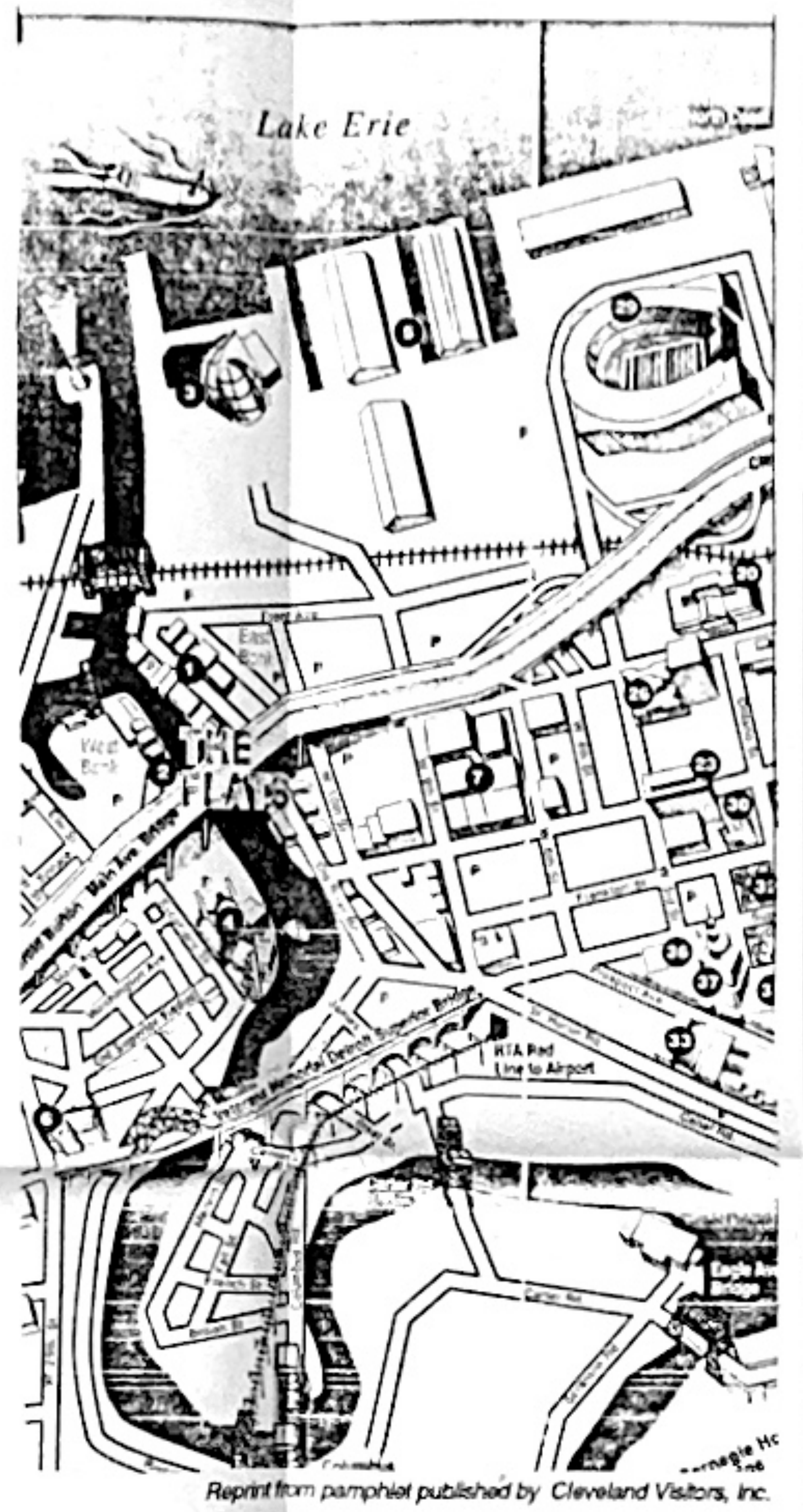
The club scene is also a highlight of the Flats. According to Mazzola, the Flats will soon have over 50 entertainment venues, which include restaurants, concert halls and clubs. Shaker students said they enjoy the variety the Flats has to offer.

"I'd want to go down to the Flats because of the clubs. Basically all the suburbs have for fun is malls," freshman Rhonda Smith said.

Besides clubs, the wide variety of concert halls attracts famous musicians to perform in Cleveland. The Nautica Stage is especially popular because of its location on the riverfront and its cozy, outside environment.

"The Phish concert was the only concert I've ever been to at Nautica, and it wasn't that special because no one was doing much, but I heard that they plan to use Nautica to air the Indians in the play-offs on huge screens. That will be pretty cool," McMenamin said.

So, is the heart of Rock n' Roll in Cleveland? It's up to the rest of the nation to decide.



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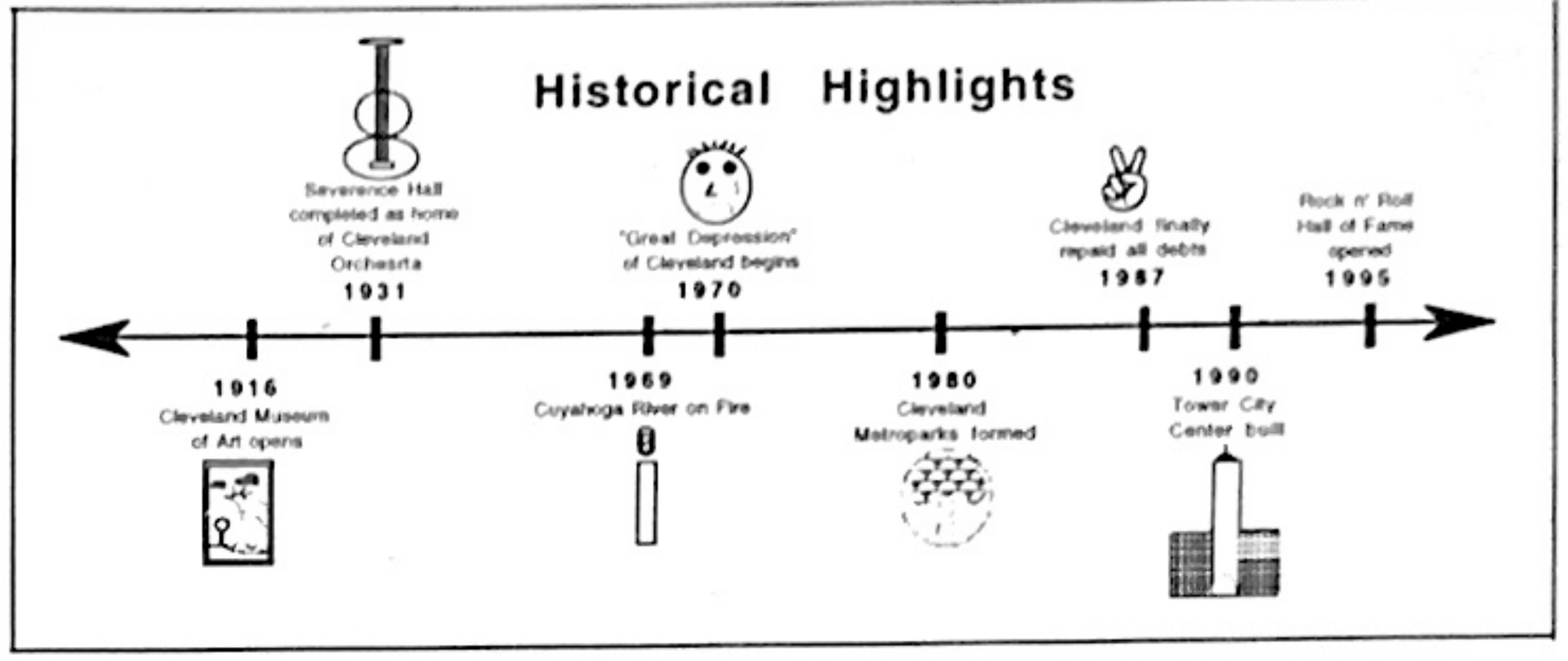
Historical Highlights
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Cleveland Museum of Art opens
1931
Severance Hall completed as home of Cleveland Orchesrta
1969
Cuyahoga River on Fire
1970
"Great Depression" of Cleveland begins
1980
Cleveland Metroparks formed
1987
Cleveland finally repaid all debts
1990
Tower City Center built
1995
Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame opened

Go Cleveland!

New facilities and spirited fans support sports teams

BY SARAH LEVIN

Staff Reporter

"Cleveland, the mistake on the lake, the armpit of the nation," "The Indians are sooo bad!" , "Did you hear what happened in Cleveland last week? They set the Cuyahoga River on fire!"

That's all we ever used to hear. Cleveland this, Cleveland that, Cleveland is such a bad city. Well, look out all of you who have been putting us down , because Cleveland is on the rise again due to winning sports teams and brand new facilities.

In the last two years, Cleveland has built Gund Arena and Jacobs Field, a 42,000 seat natural grass ballpark.

The Indians are now American League Central Division Champions, which is quite a contrast from their last 40 years. Shaker students are viewing Cleveland in a more positive light, and they believe it is at least partly due to the Indians' recent successes.

Freshman Paul Bosley said the Tribe helped renew interest in Cleveland.

"The Indians help tourism because a lot of people come because they want to see them play," Bosley said.

Others said although winning teams aren't the main cause of more people visiting Cleveland, it gives tourists something else to look forward to.

"I don't think it has caused more tourism, I just think it gives tourists to be something to be excited about when coming to Cleveland," junior Erica Labovitz said.

The Cavs are another top-notch sports team with an impressive record that calls Cleveland home.

CLEVELAND Indians

Junior Yoon Hwang recalls the opening of Gund Arena, where both the Cavs and Lumberjacks play.

"I remember that when Gund Arena opened, it was a really big deal in Cleveland– the band went, and it was pretty much the start of making Cleveland into a better city," Hwang said.

Senior Robert Davis said building Gund Arena and Jacobs Field helped to bring more well-known people to Cleveland.

"I think it brought a lot of celebrities here. I also think it put Cleveland on the map because a lot of people used to 'down' the city," Davis said.

Contrary to many of these Shaker students' opinions, Andrew Zimbalist, an economist and professor at Smith College, said in a recent *New York Times* article that the building of these new facilities around the nation was not necessarily profitable in terms of revenue and jobs.

The economic spillovers in terms of jobs and new revenue are not much more substantial than "a new branch of Macy's moving into town," Zimbalsit said.

Sophomore Laura Brunengraber was also skeptical about the long-term benefits of Cleveland's efforts to rebuild.

"It's obvious that the success of the Indians, the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, and the new facilities have been the reasons for Cleveland's lastest burst of tourism, but I think it will eventually blow over," Brunengraber said.

However, teachers note that there has definitely been a change for the better in Cleveland.

"It's exciting to see the city renewed. People didn't even used to go downtown in the past few years, but it's becoming a great city," French teacher Ruth Berger said.

According to Cleveland D.J.'s Brian and Joe, the city may be planning to build a new football stadium, partly in an attempt to make the Browns stay in Cleveland. Some Shaker students feel that there is no need for another new facility.

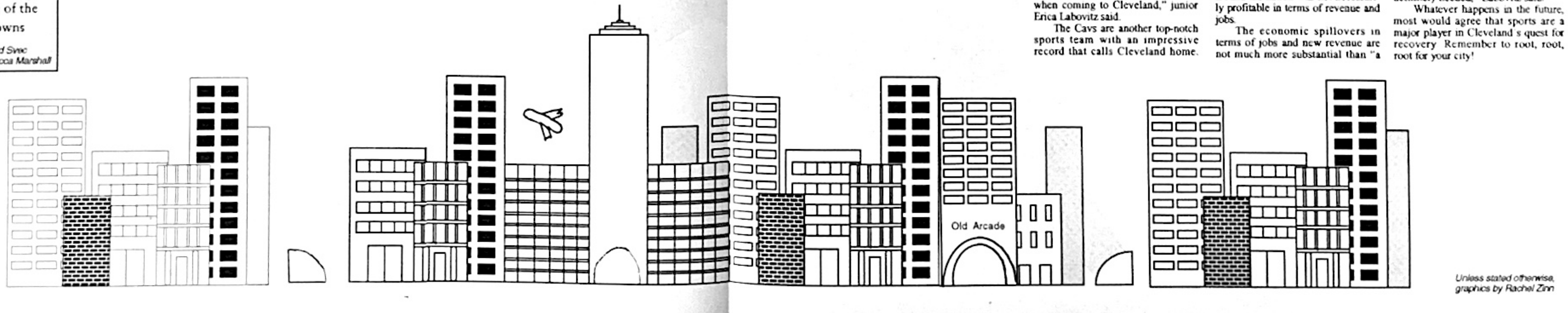
"Why do the Browns need a new stadium if they keep losing? They can keep the 'jake' one they've got. Nobody watches them anyway," freshman William Harrison said.

Labovitz, on the other hand, thought the stadium was needed.

"[The stadium is] a good idea, but I think that there are other things that could be done to keep the Browns in Cleveland that would boost city spirit just as much. Physically, though, a new structure is definitely needed," Labovitz said.

Whatever happens in the future, most would agree that sports are a major player in Cleveland's quest for recovery. Remember to root, root, root for your city!

Cleveland in the Spotlight



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Filter depends on machines

BY NED SACKMAN

Staff Reporter

Listening to Filter's hit single "Hey Man Nice Shot," one would not know that its members Richard Patrick and Brian Liesegang are poor musicians.

In fact, the melodic droning bass and distorted raging choruses characteristic of the band's debut album *Short Bus* are not the product of precision guitar playing but are created by computer.

To say that Liesegang and Patrick are not great guitar players is not to say they lack creative ability. Their creative center is the basement in Patrick's parents' house, where they have a studio. The band's talent is in the facility with which they operate these machines to create their sound. By slowly playing their riffs and running them through their computers they are able to use feedback and distortion to shape them into infectious bass hooks.

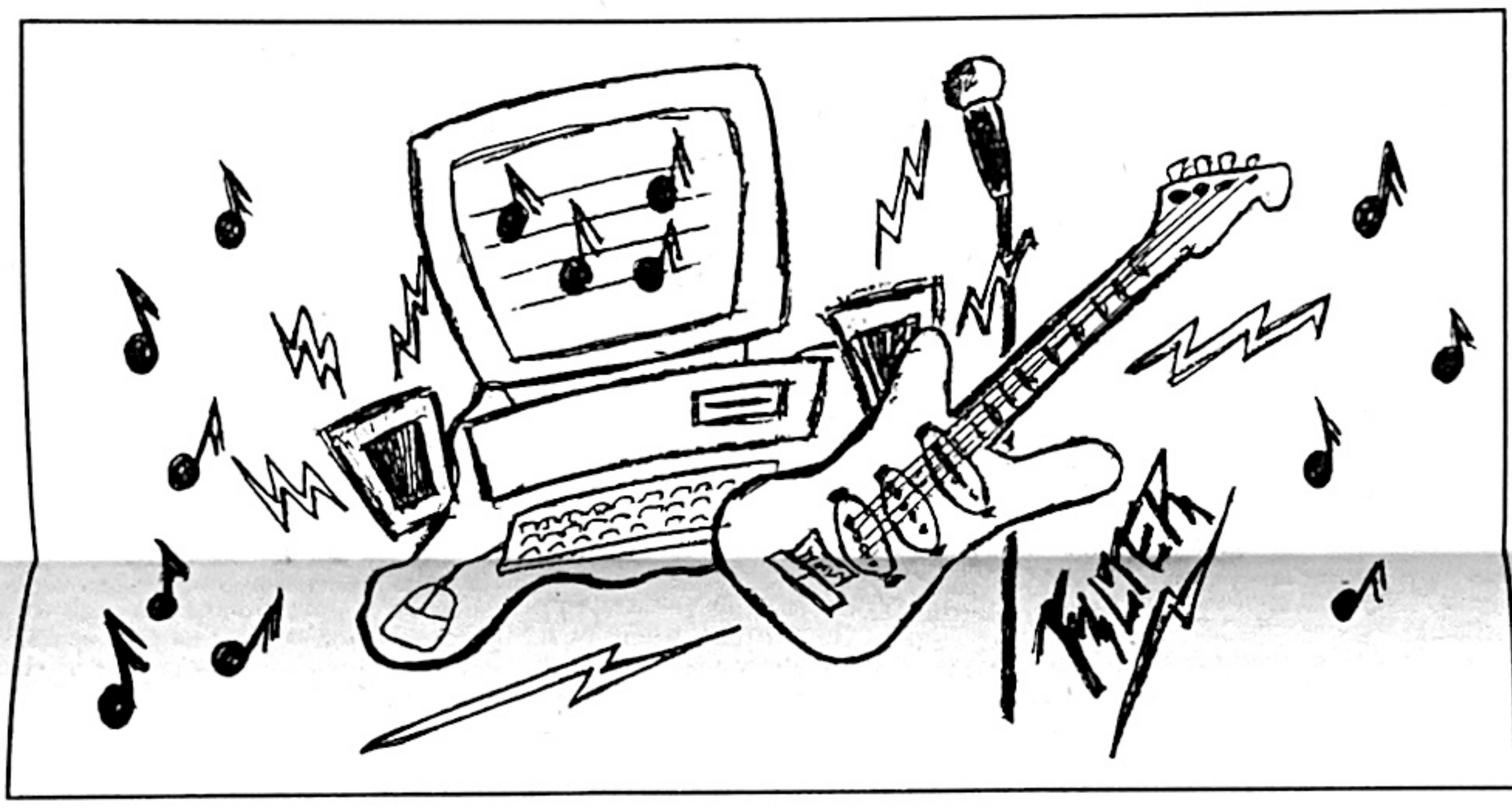
According to a guitar magazine interview Filter has found inspiration in U2 guitarist The Edge. In creating U2's unique sound The Edge relied more on electronic effects than his musical ability. Liesegang said he showed playing guitar was not just for experts.

Because Filter owns all of their own equipment and produces everything in their basement sound laboratory, they avoid the rigors of a confined studio. Liesegang observes that "it is easier to record half hung over at 10 a.m. without having a producer to shove a microphone down your throat." This free schedule allowed Filter to record and re-record their album over an eight month period.

If the style of Filter's music sounds familiar to you, it is probably because both Liesegang and Patrick helped with programming sound effects and playing keyboards for Trent Reznor and his group Nine Inch Nails. Although now Chicago residents, they are formerly from Cleveland, and part of *Short Bus* was produced at a studio in Rocky River.

Despite the influence of Reznor, once close friends with Patrick, the lyrics to Filter's songs do not have quite the same disparity to them. Their recent hit single "Hey Man Nice Shot" was inspired by the suicide of a politician convicted of corruption. In an often boot-legged news footage, the politician is seen at a press conference announcing his resignation. He steps back from the podium, draws a gun and takes aim at his head. The camera then focuses on his face, now a gushing eruption of blood. Within the song lyricist Patrick never takes a stand on the suicide issue, wavering between sympathy and sarcasm. When asked in a *Rolling Stone* interview Patrick admits he "does not have all the answers," claiming he is not a gym teacher or Henry Rollins.

.Ultimately, both Patrick and Liesegang stress that as long as the music moves you emotionally, it makes no difference whether it was created by instrumental precision or with the help of computers.



What's Goin' On

Fall shows mix of old and new

*First Light, Friday Oct. 6
The Odeon $6

*Homecoming, Saturday Oct. 7
Girl's Gym 8:00 - 12:00 pm.
$6.00 - NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR!

*Elton John, Sunday Oct. 8
Gund Arena 8:00 pm.
$39.50 & $29.50

*Back to School Slam, Sunday Oct. 15
Gund Arena 7:00 pm.
$35 & $27.50
Featuring : Jodeci, Mary J. Blidge, Notorious B.I.G, Naughty by Nature... more

*Jimmy Page & Robert Plant, Monday Oct. 16
Gund Arena 7:30 pm.
$45 & $27.50
Opening : Tragically Hip

*CAVS vs. N.J. Nets, Wednsday Oct. 18
Exhibition Game - Gund Arena 7:30 pm.
$31, $23, $16.50, & $10

*Pere Ubu, Friday Oct. 20
The Agora, $10

*Natalie Merchant, Saturday Oct. 21
Music Hall, $27.50 &$19.50

*Rancid, Lunachicks, Monday, Oct. 23
The Agora, $10

*Chris Isaak, Friday Oct. 27
EJ Thomas hall, $27.50 & $20

*Shaggy, Friday Nov. 3
The Agora

Poor musicians must rely on offensive lyrics

BY RACHEL ZINN

Co-Centerpiece Editor

The predator ruthlessly sinks its bloody claws into the older prey, now too decrepit to defend itself against a younger band with a new sound and racy lyrics. This fierce predator is number one this week, with the rotting carcass of its predecessor left at the bottom of the charts.

The music industry is a cruel business. Some bands have the real talent to make their names last, but others are simply lost in the crowd of struggling new artists.

It is sad to see how many bands try to reach fame by covering up music of questionable quality with controversial lyrics that may or may not carry a serious message. More importantly, how can the public buy into this cheap gimick?

Music is, by one definition, an expression of emotion. Sometimes, it is difficult to tell whether the lyrics of a song have genuine roots in the artists' soul or if they are only intended for shock value.

Sometimes harsh words can add to the impact of a song. Although songs by the band Nine Inch Nails contain some obscene lyrics, they are appropriate to the tortured tone of the entire song.

In contrast, some songs use controversial themes just to hide their lack of talent. For instance, the song "Short D-ck Man" is backed up by only by a pulsing dance club beat and has no important social message. Its only value is humor, and even that is debatable.

Lyrics do not necessarily have to be "deep and meaningful" to be important. Skilo sings lyrics that are not complex, but portray a positive attitude that can make the listener feel good.

No one, however, should complain about sensationalist groups making it big when the public is constantly asking for more. Music is no different from any other type of popular media. Controversy, sex and cheap thrills sell.

Artists often rely on media manipulation to achieive success. For instance, Courtney Love reached wide audiences after the suicide of her husband, Kurt Cobain. Coincidence? I think not. Madonna, another bleached-blond diva, is a master at creating controversy to utilize the media.

It does not seem fair that some truly gifted groups who try to reach fame only on the quality of their music are overshadowed by these shrewd artists with more business sense than musical ability. Does it have to be like this?

Shakerite artwork by Jenny Spencer

Of course not. We can all demand more from the musicians our society reveres. There is a fine line between entertainment and real music that desperately needs to be drawn. Most would agree that a sincere message and music that truly makes us feel is not too much to ask when CD's cost $16 each.

Censorship and discretion are two very different things. Popular music reflects what the public wants to hear. Music will always be a personal preference – but it least it can be that. Music should appeal to some deep part of our spirit, not to the tabloid-craving ears of the masses. We have the power to decide.

The Top Ten World's First Female Prime Ministers and Presidents

1. Sirimavo Bandaranaike (Prime Minister)
2. Indira Gandhi (Prime Minister)
3. Golda Meir (Prime Minister)
4. Maria Estela Peron (President)
5. Elisabeth Domitien (Prime Minister)
6. Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister)
7. Dr. Maria Lurdes Pintasilgo (Prime Minister)
8. Vigdis Finnbogadottir (President)
9. Mary Eugenia Charles (Prime Minister)
10. Gro Harlem Brundtland (Prime Minister)

Shakerite source: The Top Ten of Everything

Caught in the act

Unknown to many, cheating at Shaker is a common occurence

BY AARON GALVIN
Staff reporter

At almost all military and preparatory schools, there is a code of honor. It states that if you witness one of your fellow classmates cheating, you are equally as responsible as they are.

After a poll of 109 people, the alarming results are in. Students at Shaker cheat on a regular basis and are rarely caught.

Whether it be cheating on a pop quiz or on a final, it is the same principle. Students cheat regularly, almost every day.

"There has yet to be a test or quiz this year where I haven't cheated," sophomore Peter Smith said.*

There are many methods of cheating. One that is most commonly used is simply glancing at a classmate's test and copying answers. A teacher occasionally catches a student craning his neck to look at the paper next to him.

Other methods of cheating that have been detected in the classroom are writing "crib" notes or people writing on their hands. This method is a difficult one to detect, and people usually get away with it.

"I'll write on my hand really small so the teachers can't see it, and when they are not looking, I'll look at it really quickly," senior Michelle Jones said.*

Although most in-class cheating is hard to detect, students do get caught on occasion.

"Last year, I was just looking back at some kid's paper and the teacher ripped up my test and sent me to my unit principal. I was suspended for three days without any question," junior Michael Robinson* said.

Other borderline issues arise when it comes to cheating. According to the survey, 82 percent of the students feel that using them is not cheating

"I think people should be allowed to use Cliff Notes if they are also reading the book. If they are not reading the book then I would consider it cheating," freshman Danny Klein said.

"I don't think sharing notes in class is cheating because if you want to let someone else use your work, that is your decision," sophomore Adam Cohen said.

Plagiarism is another form of cheating which is usually overlooked. *Plagiarism, although hard to identify, is considered one of the worst offenses. Not only is it against school policy, but it is illegal.*

"I would never copy someone else's work. That is just being lazy," senior Ben Greenspan said.

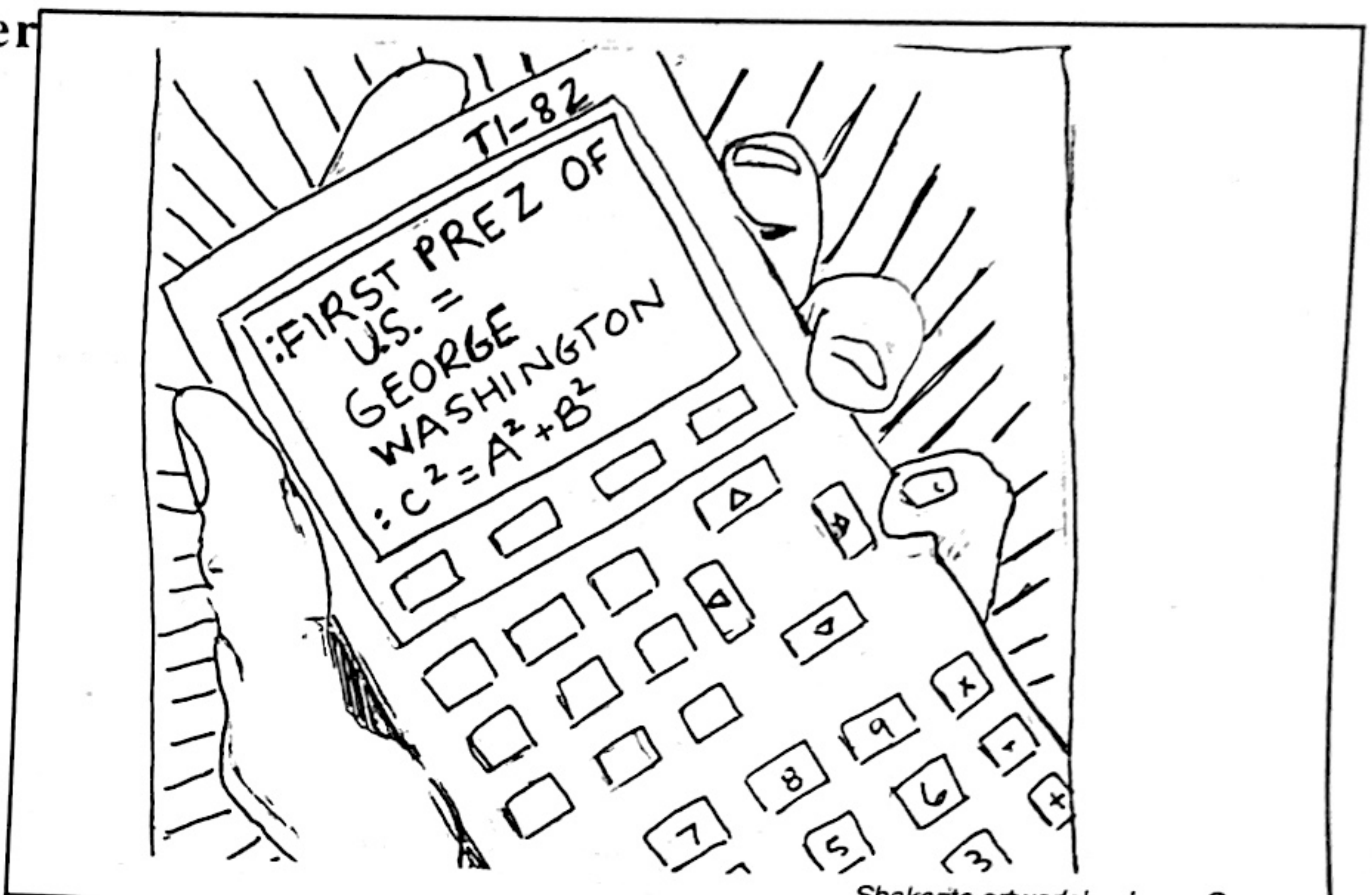
According to the *Teachers Guide,* cheating is defined as using or copying the academic work of another and presenting it as one's own without proper attribution.

The results of cheating, according to the guide, are appropriate disciplinary action such as Saturday detention and possible suspension from school.

"If someone cheats on a test by just glancing at a few answers, they do not deserve such a harsh punishment. Maybe the teacher could just give them an F on the test. However, if their cheating is premeditated and the answers are written on a cheat sheet, they do, [deserve punishment]" sophomore Todd Dolinsky said.

Though the consequences are strict, cheating still seems to prevail at Shaker. To some students cheating to get the A is more important than being honest about it.

* students names have been changed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Freeze.......pencils up

- 35 percent of males
- 38 percent of females cheat
- 91 percent never caught
- 74 percent cheat on
- 10 percent cheat daily
- 12 percent cheat weekly
- 30 percent cheat monthly
- 22 percent cheat yearly

Shakerite survey of 109 students

Some save, others spend summer wages

BY TOBY BULLOFF
Staff reporter

How many times have you made elaborate plans to go out with friends and have not had the money? Then when you ask your parents for a loan their response is get a job.

Some students took it upon themselves this summer to earn some money.

Working at Orange Pool as lifeguards and instructors was a sister act for sophomores Allison and Becky Beamer.

"Even though [it] was sometimes a hassle to get little kids in the pool, it was fun. Plus, I got a good tan," Allison Beamer said.

Becky said she liked meeting swimmers from other schools during the summer.

Both saved their money for long term expenses.

"I am saving up for a specialty aeronautics camp or to take a trip somewhere in the future," Allison said.

Becky also saved her earnings for a special summer trip.

"I am in the German foreign exchange program, so I'm saving my money for spending," Becky said.

Lauren Nuechterlein, a junior, had similar reasons for saving her lifeguarding wages.

"I'm saving for when the choir goes to Europe," Nuechterlein said.

Junior Sharon Yates was considering saving her money or using it in the near future.

"I have to use [my money] for gas, clothes and any field hockey or swimming camps I want to go to," Yates said.

Like many sophomores with new licenses, Tyler Friedman is looking to add to his car with a new car stereo.

Sophomore Maura Malone was not saving for anything specific.

"I didn't make that much money as a counselor at Hathaway Brown Day Camp," Malone said. She did, however, have fun supervising kids at the same day camp that she went to as a young child.

Some students decided to spend the money they earned on items for themselves.

"I bought some clothes and CDs early in the summer. Now I want to save some some money to buy a bus ticket to visit my friend in Michigan," sophomore Stacy Taylor said.

Spending the summer doing career oriented jobs, sophomore Faisal Khan decided to save his money in the bank. He researched malaria at the CSU Biology Lab and also shadowed a surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic. Khan had no intention of "wasting" his money on CDs or clothing.

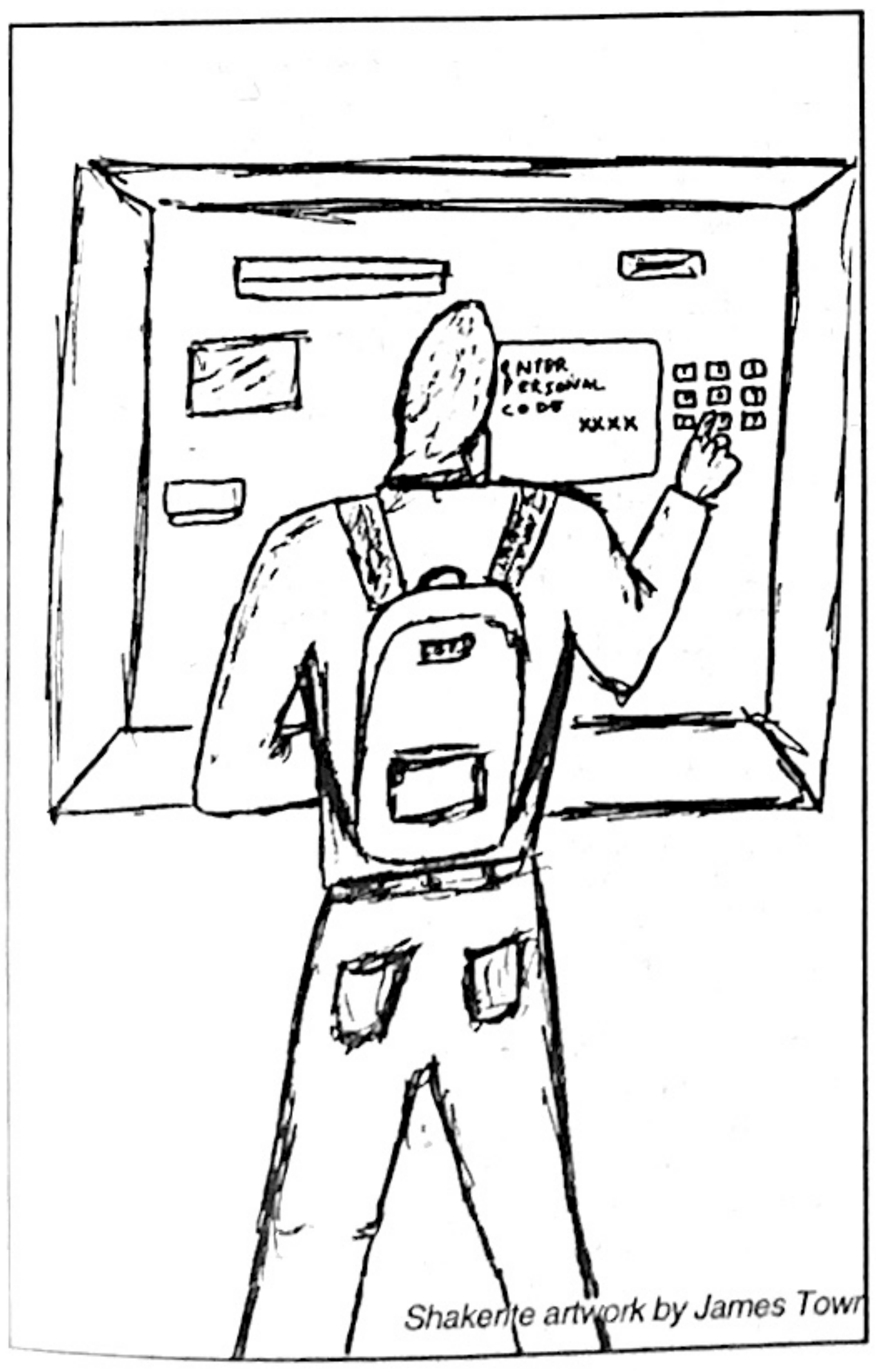
"I saved all of my money so I can have some spending money in college," Khan said.

In some instances, students finished a summer job with minimal profit.

Senior Brian Snyder spent eight weeks this summer as an overnight camp counselor at Camp Robinhood in New Hampshire. His salary for the summer was $275; however, after subtracting the money he needed for days off, $80 remained in his pocket. Snyder was not discouraged because he felt the experience was worth it.

"I was in charge of 13 and 14 year-olds all day and participated in all their activities. We played basketball, baseball and swam. A had a lot of friends there because I was a camper there for seven years, and we had a really good time."

So now that school is back in session, when it comes time to go out, students who decided to work over the summer can rest assured they will not have to ask Mom or Dad for money.



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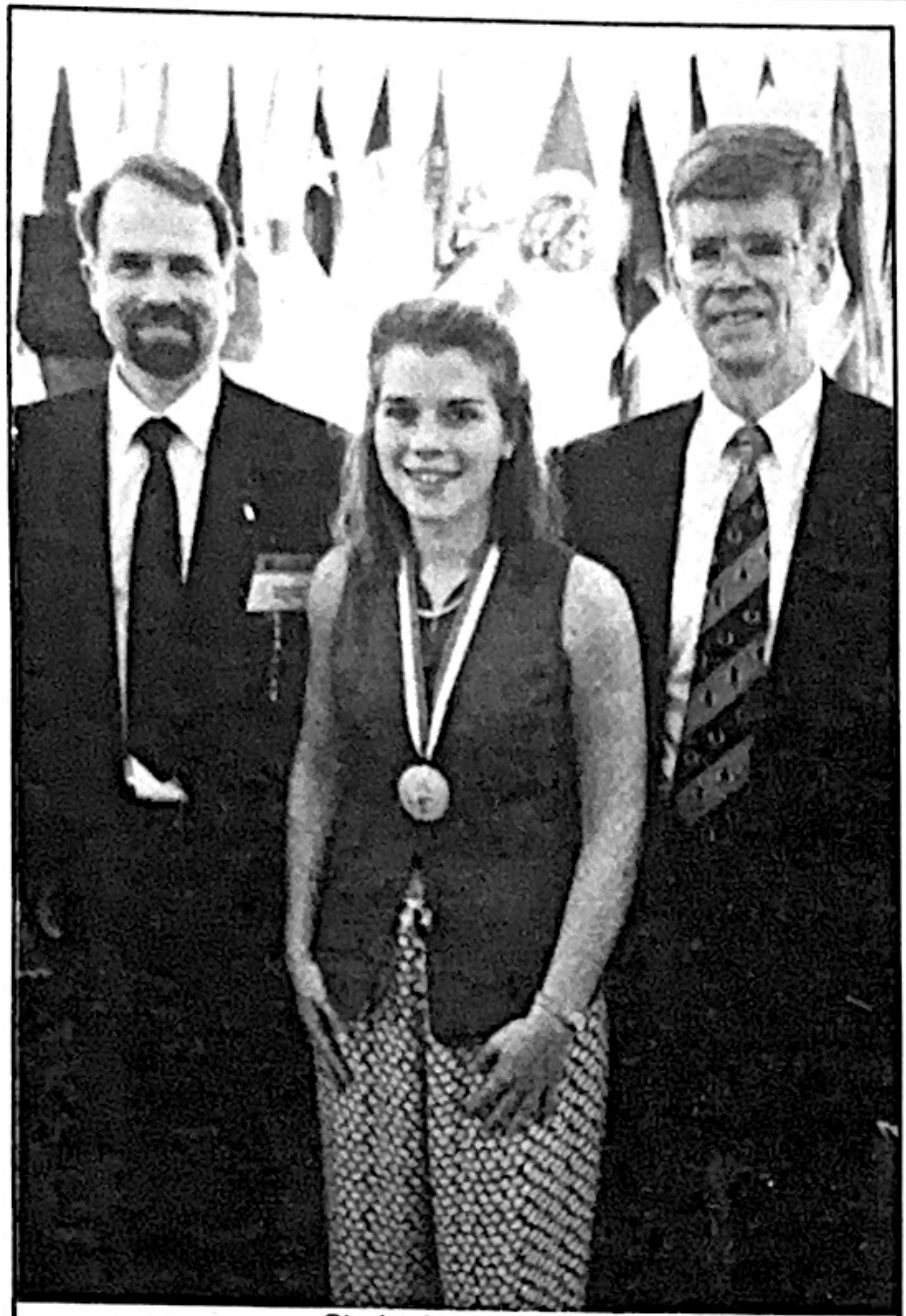


Shakerite photo courtesy of Robert Sylak

All the president's scholars. Robert Sylak, Shana McCormack and John McCormack in Washington.

Sylak accompanies scholar, meets Clinton in D.C.

BY CAITLIN MASINI
staff reporter

Science teacher Robert Sylak spent a week this summer in Washington D.C., being honored as Shana McCormack's, (a graduate of the class of '94's) most influential teacher, while she was acknowledged as a Presidential Scholar by President Bill Clinton.

During the week Sylak and Shana had the opportunity to meet and speak with many famous politicians, including the president himself. Clinton spoke on his new budget and walked around, shaking hands with the students and teachers.

The students and their teachers also met the Secretary of Education and brainstormed about various problems. Shana also got to meet the United States Attorney General, Janet Reno.

One of the reasons Sylak likes the program is because of the offshoots for both Shana and himself. Shana met many celebrities from Hollywood and the music industry. Her sponsors for the week were Naomi and Wynona Judd.

"You name someone, she met them," Sylak said.

Sylak was recognized by the National Department of Education for teachers.

"One of the neatest things was meeting the other teachers," Sylak said.

Students brought teachers from a variety of different areas, such as elementary and Sunday school, as well as dance instructors.

Each student had to give a speech about their teacher and why they had chosen them.

"The biggest payback [for a teacher] is for a kid to say you've done a good job," Sylak said.

Sylak had Shana in class and was her debate coach. According to Sylak,working with Shana was fun.

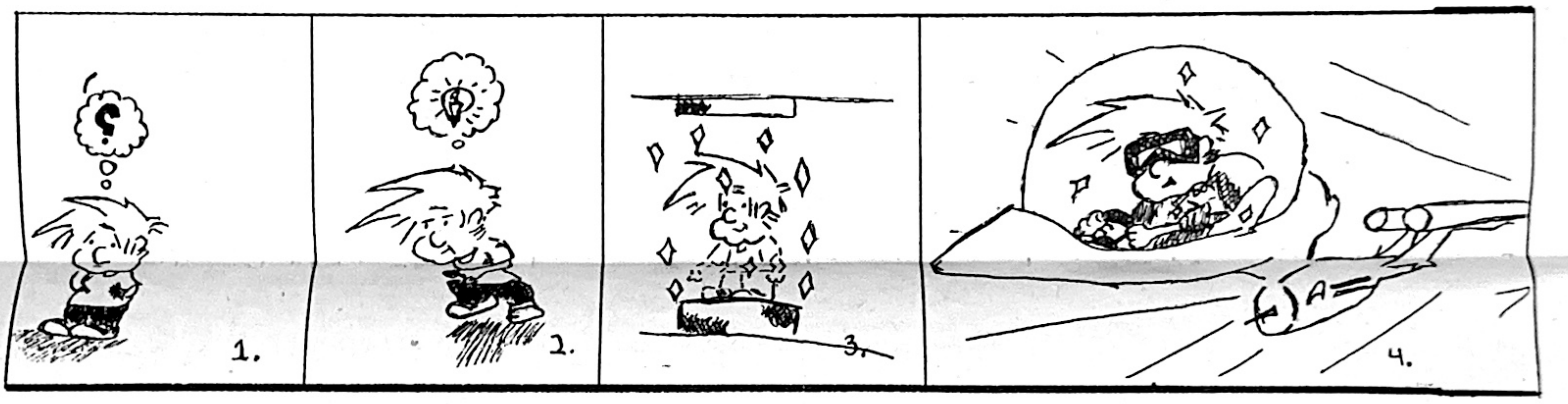
"It was more a sharing of ideas than me teaching her,"Sylak said.

When first chosen by Shana, Sylak was a little surprised.

"I felt rather strange because there are so many tremendous teachers here at Shaker," Sylak said, "I didn't feel like I had done anything different [with Shana] from what I normally do [with any other student]."

Shana was chosen for the award through a long process. First, she applied to a board, appointed by the President, which narrowed down the applicants to a smaller group. Next, after an interview and writing an essay, students were chosen for their overall academic and extracurricular involvement.

Some of the students had been chosen due to performing arts achievements; they performed at a reception at the Kennedy Center.



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For Better or for worse; comics lighten our lives

BY LINDSAY CAMPBELL
Staff reporter

Just as comic strips range from the soap opera stories of "Mary Worth" to one panel works of the Gary Larson genre, the preferences and feelings of students on these comics can be just as varied.

One reason for reading comics strips, students said, is because they are funny and sometimes even make you feel better.

"I read them whenever I read the paper. I turn to the comics because it brightens my day," junior Lauren Adams said.

While generally students agreed that the comics are funny, there are always preferences for one over another.

"'Fox Trot' is my favorite comic strip because it's just as messed up as my family," freshman Jennifer Cunix said.

While Cunix relates the comics to her family, senior Terra Winston likes "Garfield" for its sense of humor.

"I usually don't read them but every once in a while I have to read 'Garfield'. I love him because I love his sarcasm," Winston said.

With likes come dislikes, and one thing commonly disliked about the comics is the long drawn out stories like "Spiderman" and "Judge Parker".

"They annoy me because they aren't actual comics. They should be cartoon characters, not soap opera people. They need to be somewhat hilarious!" said sophomore Carrie Lewine.

On the other hand, some people prefer these story comics.

"'Spiderman' is sweet...he's cool and he's got webs and stuff," junior Jimmy Young said.

There are also students who do not like the comics at all.

"I don't read them because I don't want to laugh in the morning. I want to get my stuff done and go to school," sophomore Selena Brown said.

Besides the daily comics, there are also other aspects of cartoon to enjoy, such as books and treasuries of works by single artists.

"I like [the treasuries] because if it's your favorite comic you get to read more than just one strip," sophomore Meg Underwood said.

Whether students prefer collections, comic books, or the newspaper there is always one person behind all of these- the comic. Dan Piraro, creator of the comic strip "Bizarro", talked about himself via the e-mail.

"Aside from cartooning I like to paint, play tennis, hang out with my wife and daughters and read," Piraro said.

It is not only students who read the work of Piraro and other comics. Teachers and faculty can enjoy them as well— and health teacher Hubert McIntyre certainly does.

"I read the comics everyday. [My favorites are] "Spiderman", "Bizarro" and "Wizard of Id". I like "Spiderman" because I've always read it since I was a kid, "Bizarro" because its humor is offbeat but realistic and 'Wizard of Id' is just an ego that's gone bizzare," McIntyre said.

What is it that so often makes people reach for the comics rather than the front page? Psychology teacher Baird Wiehe gave his analysis of this phenomenon.

"[Comics] are insightful and humorous. Some are serious stories, others are poking fun at contemporary American values and people like that. Take Charles Schultz, creator of 'Charlie Brown'. 'Charlie Brown' is everybody because people can identify with failure. He's a terrible football player, his kite always gets stuck in trees and his baseball team is always beaten to death," Wiehe said.

"Charlie Brown" is not the only strip that relates to real life. Others such as "Fox Trot", "For Better or Worse" and "Garfield" provide insights as to the different behaviors or problems.

"'Garfield' always has a sarcastic sense of humor, sort of like me. He is always in a bad mood and replies to everything in a sarcastic manner. That is like how I deal with things" junior Matthew Fuerst said.

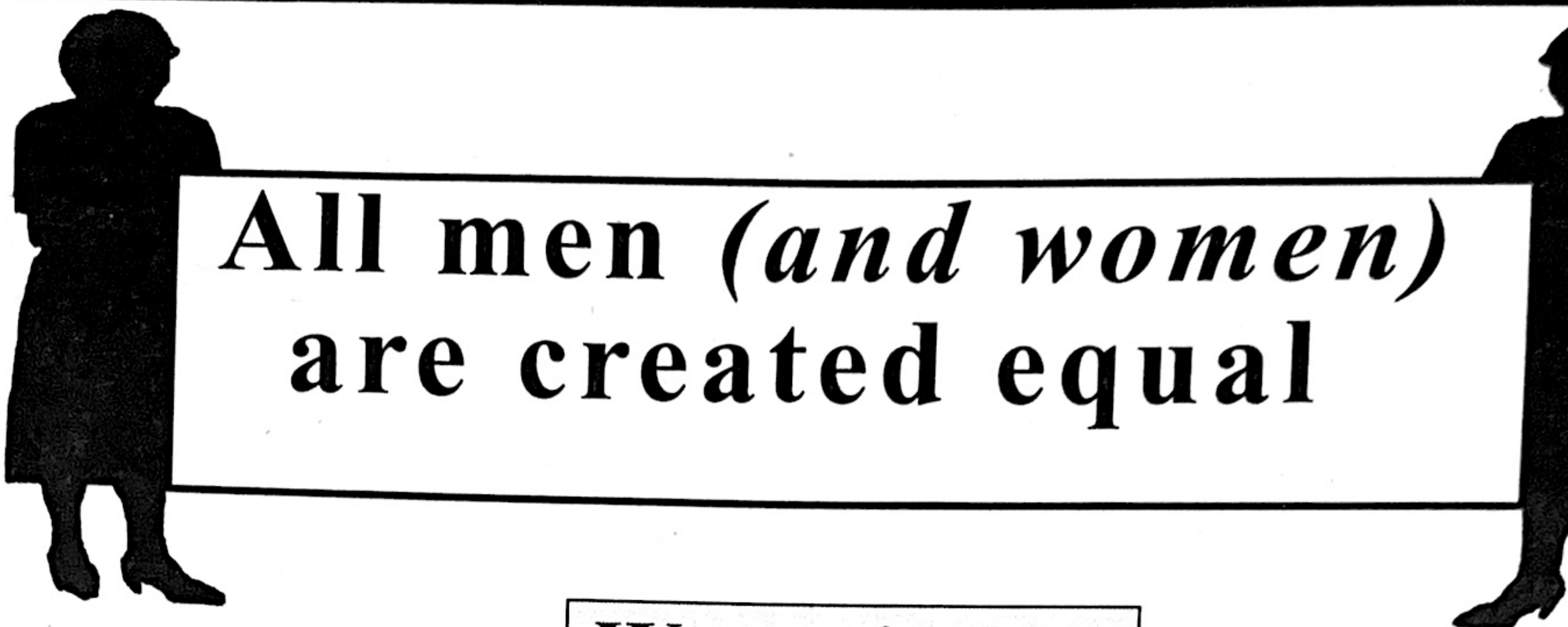
Junior Steve Deoreo agrees.

"All little boys can identify with 'Fox Trot' because we were all that weird at one point in our lives," Deoreo said.

"Fox Trot" is also appreciated for its maturity as opposed to other comics.

"I like 'Fox Trot' because it's not as 'kiddy'; compared to 'Dennis the Menace', for example, it is not so child oriented," sophomore Robby Coulton said.

Whether you prefer "Ziggy", or "Blondie", or not to read them at all, comics will continue to entertain or annoy all those who read them.



All men *(and women)* are created equal

BY AMY JOHNSON KATIE EDELSTEIN AND NICOLE SUTCLIFFE

Staff Reporter and Co-Feature editors

All men are created equal, yet women get the short end of the stick. Although attempts have been made to create higher equality between men and women, the balance still tips toward the male end of the spectrum.

Throughout history, according to an editorial in *Time*, women in America have been treated as icons, mere decorations. Only in times of peril did women receive recognition. World War II brought women into the work force, but they were pushed back into their aprons and kitchens when the men came home from fighting.

The lack of recognition women receive is not because they are known to be lazy underachievers. According to Women in the World by Joni Seager and Ann Olson, we cannot understand the world without understanding the everyday experience of women. Margaret Snyder of the UN Voluntary Fund for Women believes that women's contributions are at least as important as those of men.

"They are the providers of food, fuel, water, and often the whole family income the sustainers and developers of *their families, communities, and countries... the fate of women is a critical determinant of the fate of whole societies," Snyder said.*

Even in present day society, women do not receive the same treatment as men. According to Women in Politics Worldwide, a book exploring the role of women in politics in the latter half of the 20th century, Congress is composed primarily of men. In fact, the only dramatic improvements in the male/female ratio in Congress was in the 1974 and 1992 elections. At that rate, it would take another 300 years for Congress to be composed of equal amounts of men and women.

"Women should have every opportunity to make the same decisions and have a voice in government and politics," junior Matthew Fuerst said.

The unfair treatment of women is present in education, not just in politics. Shannon Faulkner and her fight to enroll in the Citadel, an all male military school, sparked debate over the treatment of women. Faulkner fought for two and a half years to get into the Citadel. On finally entering the academy, tne discrimination she faced was so overwhelming she dropped out. This action is seen by some to be a disgrace to her sex. The Citadel is not necessarily co-ed now, despite Faulkner's fight.

The controversy over women's rights affects everyone, even here in Shaker. Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said he feels there is equality between men and women.

Women in the 20th Century

1920- In August the 19th amendment is passed

1975- Two women were ordained Episcopal priests

1975- President Ford signs an order creating the Commission of the observance of International Women's Day

1982- *Equal rights amendment fails after failing to receive the ratification of three states*

1985- Womens Equity Act is introduced to congress

Shakerite Source: American Women in the 20th century

"One thing we track is academic performance. There is little to no difference between the girls and the guys," Rumbaugh said.

Some students feel equality in the classroom depends on the teacher.

"Some teachers seem to favor girls calling on them then saying I guess I should call on a guy now," junior Graham Lanz said.

Other students feel the treatment of men and women in the classroom depends on the students themselves.

"I don't think there is a distinction between men and women. Girls are less ready to answer questions," junior Amrita Ahuja said.

According to Rumbaugh, the staff is to thank for the equality.

"The entire staff tries hard to create gender equality," Rumbaugh said.

Social Studies teacher Chuck Spinner agrees with Rumbaugh.

"The staff is pretty sensitive. I've seen nothing in a classroom situation where guys are treated any differently than girls," Spinner said.

There has been controversy over the unfair treatment of women in sports.

"We have old nylon uniforms and the guys have newer ones. Then there's always the issue [over who plays where and when] with the fields," sophomore Meg Underwood said.

Rumbaugh said he is always aware of perceived or real inequalities and he appreciates the time to spend with the staff and students to talk about it.

Women, though perceived as below men in many aspects of society, have certainly fought to increase and maintain their rights. Due to the bravery and determination of strong willed women, unhappy with their place in society, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage.

According to the Almanac of American Women in the 20th Century by Judith Freeman Clark, the 19th amendment became a law in August 1920, giving women the right to vote. Once they had won the right, thousands of women established the League of Women Voters and worked to encourage American women to utilize this new power.

This huge step forward, says Clark, was paralleled in other areas as well, such as government, commerce, industry, medicine, sports, and the military.

An area where women excelled prior to the passing of the 19th amendment was science. In the late 1800's, Maria Mitchell, a professor of Astronomy at Vassar College, became the initial female member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, according to the Handbook of American Women's History Angela Zophy.

Today the encouragement for women to excel in the field of science is prevalent.

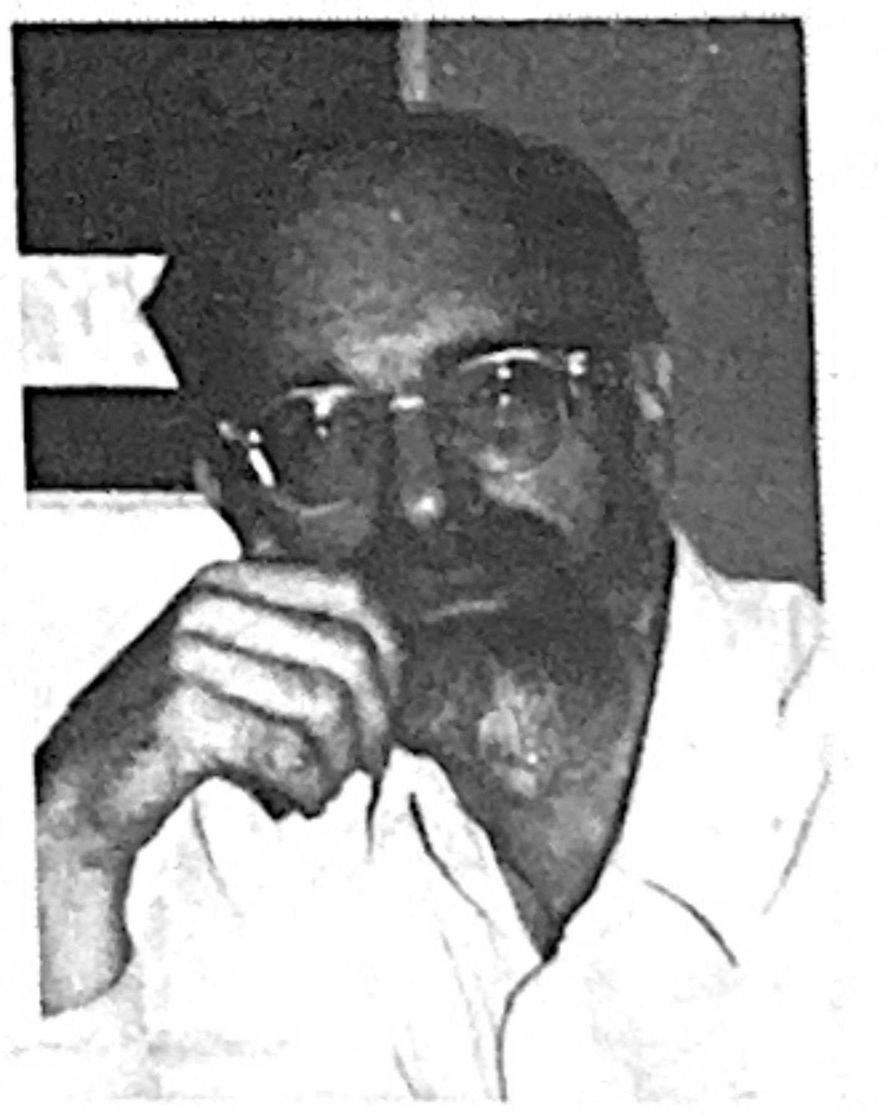
"It should not be a push, but a definite invitation. Make sure that everyone is aware the possibilities exist. I do not see a difference between any male or female students. So many girls graduate and go into the field," science teacher Kenneth Culek said.

All men are created equal, which includes women. Throughout history, women have gotten the short end of the stick. Attempts have been made to increase equality, yet some things slip through the cracks.

"The role of a woman in the 21st century is limited only by the vision which she possesses. She has had to fight against those with blinders on and is still doing so in parts of the world."

Diana Jones, Social Studies teacher

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick



"Women shouldn't use beauty or sexual allure to achieve power. You can't leverage body for power; [power] obtained that way damages any attempt to achieve equality with men."

Paul Springstubb, English teacher

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THE SUFI JUDGE

Two men had an argument. To settle the matter, they went to a Sufi judge for arbitration. The plaintiff made his case. He was very eloquent and persuasive in his reasoning. When he finished, the judge nodded in approval and said, "That's right, that's right." On hearing this, the defendant jumped up and said, "Wait a second, judge, you haven't even heard my side of the case yet." So the judge told the defendant to state his case. He, too, was very persuasive and eloquent. When he finished, the judge said, "That's right, that's right."

When the clerk of the court heard this, he jumped up and said, "Judge, they can't both be right." The judge looked at the clerk and said, "That's right, that's right."

Shakerite Source: A Whack on the Side of the Head

Rookie racqueteers oust opponents

BY EMILY HOFFMAN
Staff Reporter

Talent, friendship, enthusiasm and newcomers have led to a great rebuilding year for women's tennis.

"This is a young, inexperienced team with talent. We graduated seven of our top eight players last year. The only returning player is Lyndsey Mirmelstein," coach Al Slawson said.

Mirmelstein, a junior, is the team captain. She also plays top singles. There are seven spots for players in a game, three who play singles and two doubles teams. The tennis team has members who rotate in. Among these players, there are three freshman, which is unusual for the varsity team. One of the freshman, Melissa Koch, plays third singles. Ambika Singh and Kim Lyons, the other freshman players, rotate into the lineup and sometimes play for JV.

"We were resentful at first [of the freshman], but now it's kind of nice to have fresh faces and new people to talk to," junior Erica Labovitz said.

The more experienced players have had to put forth greater effort because of the threat of losing their positions.

"It puts pressure on the juniors. Everyone has to work a little harder," Slawson said.

There are advantages and drawbacks to having so many underclassmen on the team. A disadvantage is the younger players are not as physically strong as they will be when they get older. However, they will be with the team for their entire high school careers and with experience will be extremely good players.

The team is very friendly. Many of the players have played together in the past, and most agree they get along well.

"This year we're really a team. We all like each other. The team is really nice," freshman Melissa Koch said.

Physically, the team is in better shape than in past years. During the off-season, the team worked out using "flex bands." Flex bands are huge rubber bands that are used to give resistance for muscle conditioning. Also, many members of the team participate in sports besides tennis throughout the year, therefore improving their physical condition.

One of the tennis team's strengths is closeness in ability. On most teams there is a large gap in skill levels from the top players to the bottom of the roster.

"The further down the line you go, the stronger we are. The difference between third and eleventh is very small," Slawson said.

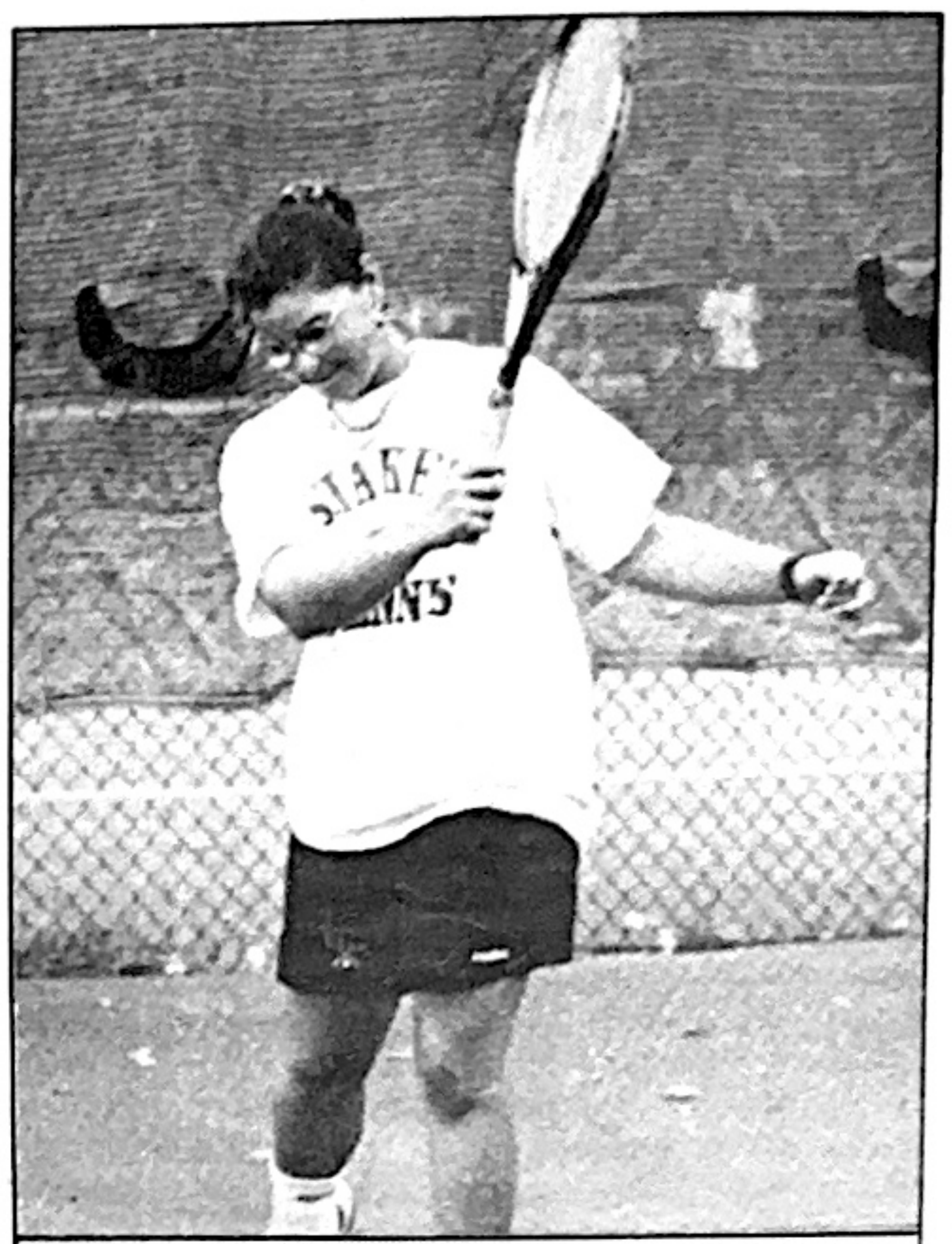
Though this is considered a rebuilding year, the team still has high hopes.

"One of our goals is to win the league championship. I think that we have a chance. We may not be a top 20 team [in the state], but we're still a pretty good team by most standards," Slawson said.

The players agree with their coach.

"We're definitely good enough to win the division, and who knows how far we can go in the state tournament," Labovitz said.

"This is going to be a really fun season," Mirmelstein said, "but it would be even more fun if we had more people come to watch us. So if you're looking for a fun and enjoyable time, come watch the women's tennis team in action!"



THE VETERAN. Junior Lyndsey Mirmelstein is the only returning player on the women's varsity tennis team.

Shakerite photo by Cristen Means

BRENDAN VS. SCOTT

Round 2: Co-ed sports: Yes or no to gender-bending athletes?

BY BRENDAN MASINI
Co-Sports Editor

An item that has piqued the interest of my colleague, Scott, and me is whether or not girls or guys should be able to play sports traditionally reserved for the opposite gender.

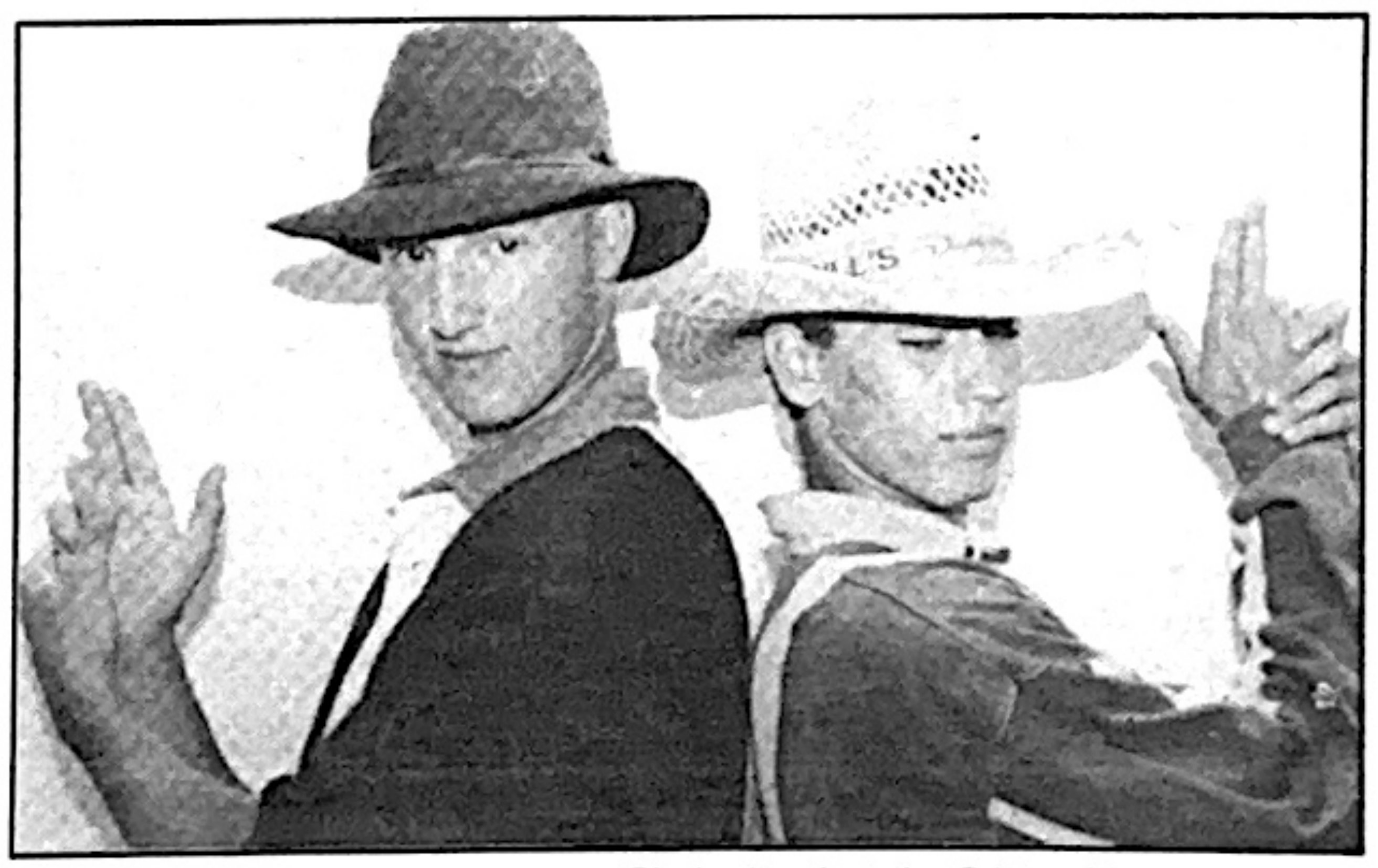
This issue has come up in schools around the country most publicly when females have bulked up and tried to enter the world of contact sports such as football and wrestling. And more power to them. Most often they cannot compete skill-wise but almost always have received support from the communities in which they play. This is not to say that a woman trying to break a sports gender barrier is going to have a cakewalk because many teammates, opponents, coaches and parents are sure to be scornful. In this day and age, however, women's groups have in most cases provided tremendous support for these athletes. Thus the opportunity is often there, as it should be, for a woman who dares to stand out. It is important that women are given the opportunity and the support to achieve the same athletic prowess as men.

Men trying out for women's teams have often been met with scorn and insult rather then with support and compassion as women have been. Thanks to a society which fuels a macho, chauvinistic attitude, men are often thought of as pussies or wimps rather then pioneers when it comes to breaking this barrier. There are the masses scorning an attempt of this nature; there is no men's group that would stand behind this athlete. It is not right for men to lose their chance because of lack of support. A male who decides he'd like to play field hockey should be able to try out if there is no such team for men. Nobody has to like this but the opportunity should still exist.

Here at Shaker I'm glad to know that such opportunities exist for women, but the fact that men have no such opportunity is disappointing.

DID YOU KNOW:

Women can try out for men's sports teams, but men can't try out for women's sports teams?



Shakerite photo by Cristen Means

BY SCOTT FULLER
Co-Sports Editor

Women's rights seem to be an extremely hot topic, and this topic is held very dear by Brendan and me. We feel it our duty to confront this problem before it attacks our unsuspecting student body. In the not-too-distant future, I see a group of hot-headed young ladies or their parents complaining to the school board that women athletes are being treated unfairly. "The boys get this, the girls don't get that!" they will whine. The school board, upon realizing that this matter will never be sufficiently settled, will create the "ingenious" idea of coed sports, thereby eliminating the debate altogether.

This is the dark and frightening cloud I spot looming ominously in the horizon, and I would like to make a desperate plea to stop this monstrosity from ever raining down on us.

If men's and women's teams were to unite, imagine the horror! Think about it guys: you can't grab yourself whenever you feel the urge, you'll have to wear a kilt on game days, you can no longer belch out loud (my fault, girls do it all the time), and every time you tell someone, "you play like a girl," they'll take it as a compliment. I have a hard enough time keeping a spot on varsity soccer just competing with the guys, yet alone a bunch of rowdy girls who could probably kick your butt if they wanted to (don't deny it guys!). Get a little too physical with them in practice and SMACK!!! right across the face. Oh, and ladies, don't think it wouldn't be awful for you, too. Long practices with unbearably smelly and sweaty guys, so long to "secret buddies" and those sappy team cheers, and worst of all, the fact that field hockey might turn into an all guys sport! What would this world be coming to?!

Men's and women's athletics are separate now, and should remain that way for a long time. I believe the timeless question of men/women superiority is much better left unanswered.

> *I would be ecstatic about having a guy try out [for the field hockey team] although he wouldn't be able to play.*
>
> *-Coach Linda Betley*

Simon excels globally on national hockey team

BY LEIGH STEVENS
Co-Sports Editor

Shakerite photo by Laura Kushnick

Getting up before 5:30, playing hockey for a couple hours, going to a full day of school and then going home to do his homework in order to keep his grades up. This is all in a days work for senior Ben Simon.

Simon began his hockey career when he was five years old, and since then he has earned many honors, and many more are sure to come in the future.

Simon was one of two freshmen to make the team in the '92-'93 season, and he helped lead the team to a state championship title.

As a sophomore Simon led the Shaker team in scoring, and was all-Ohio.

Simon's junior year, he was the assistant captain, led the team in scoring, played on Team Ohio and was chosen the Most Valuable Player in *The Plain Dealer* coverage area.

Over the summer Simon tried out for the National 17 team in Lake Placid, New York, and made it. The team traveled to Shin-Yokohama, Japan to play in the World Championship and won the bronze medal.

Simon's outstanding hockey performance and academic record have brought him to the attention of many of the best hockey schools in America. Simon is currently considering enrolling in Boston College, Bowling Green, Lake Superior State University, Miami University, Notre Dame and Michigan State University. All the schools are Division I schools and most of them have offered Simon generous scholarships.

Simon has not yet committed to any schools.

"I do not know where I want to go to school right now. There are a lot of things I still must consider, and it is too early to make that decision," Simon said.

Simon is currently playing for the Cleveland Junior Barons, the semi-professional team in Cleveland. The team holds games in the Brooklyn rink and travels all over the Midwest and Canada.

Simon has worked hard, and it has paid off. Simon said he hopes to continue playing hockey long after he graduates from Shaker.

Gohmann says: "I finally played!"

BY RYAN GOHMANN
Update Editor

My dream came true on Sept. 18, 1995.

You may remember an article that I wrote last year, complaining about how I went an entire season without playing one second. Well, the impossible has occurred. I played in a varsity soccer game for the first time, after seemingly endless hours of practicing.

The streak had reached 24 games, and it looked as if I was going to not play for about as long as Cal Ripken did play. However, on the same night that he played in game number 2,143 in a row, I was playing in my first.

The setting was Byers Field, and we were in a classic battle with Normandy. It was 2-0 with about 10 minutes left, and chances were good that I was going to get to play. My coach was laughing and joking with me about the possibility, and for the first time, I dared to dream.

Then, as though the fates wanted it so, Normandy scored their first goal, making it highly unlikely that I would play. The minutes dragged along, and I started to take off my goalie gloves and get ready to leave. For some reason, one of the coaches told me to leave my stuff on. A moment later, Mike Bradford, who has now become my soccer hero, scored to make it 3-1.

It was Gohmann time.

The next 26 seconds were bliss. I made no saves, and I gave up no goals. To be honest, the ball never crossed into our defensive half, but it was still the greatest moment of my soccer life.

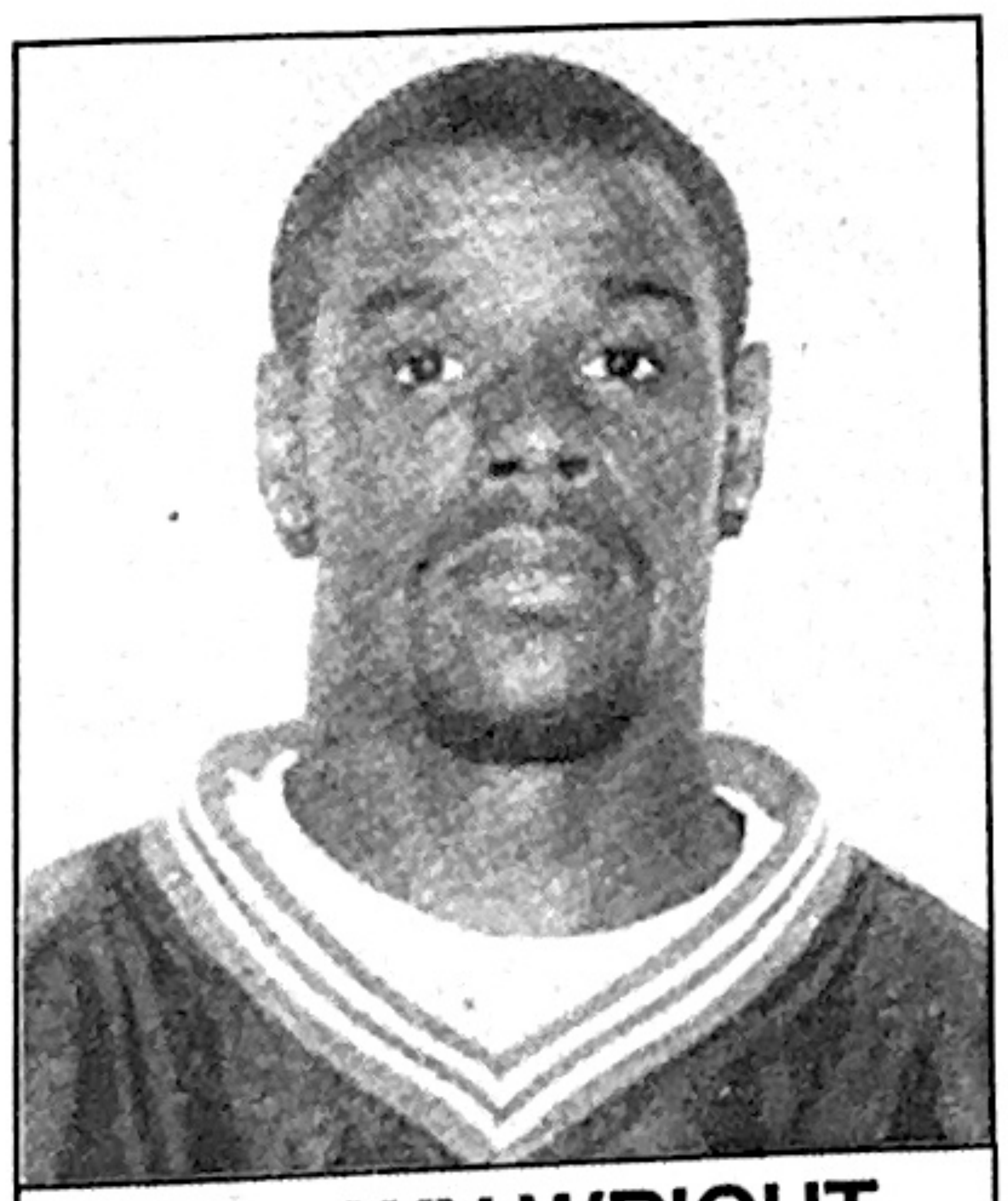
I thought that there was no way that I would ever play again and that my career would be finished at less than half a minute, but, lo and behold, I played once again.

It was against Orange, and this time, I played for 13 whole minutes. I also experienced getting shot on (by someone other than my teammates) for the first time. The first shot on goal was a rocket from just past the 18-yard line, and I calmly turned and watched it go into the net. Needless to say, I was angry, but I held on and got my first career save a few minutes later.

I had accomplished what I wanted to, no matter what the outcome ended up being. I got my chance to play, and I did my best. There was nothing more that I could do. I worked hard for the opportunity, and I got it. Now all I can do is keep on working for more chances, and hope I make the best of them.

Raiders of the Month

BY LEIGH STEVENS AND ALEX HAMERSTONE
Co-Sports Editor and Staff Reoprter



SHAWN WRIGHT

Shakerite photo by Cristen Means

In the past two years the Shaker football program has improved drastically. The team that seemed to be getting no respect now has fans coming out of the walls.

One of the players that has contributed to the improvement of the team is Shawn Wright.

Wright, who starts at linebacker and tailback, has been playing football for five years, the last three on our varsity squad.

According to many publications, such as *The Plain Dealer*, Wright is one of the best tailbacks in the state.

Along with his two, and soon to be three, varsity letters, Wright has earned many other honors here at Shaker.

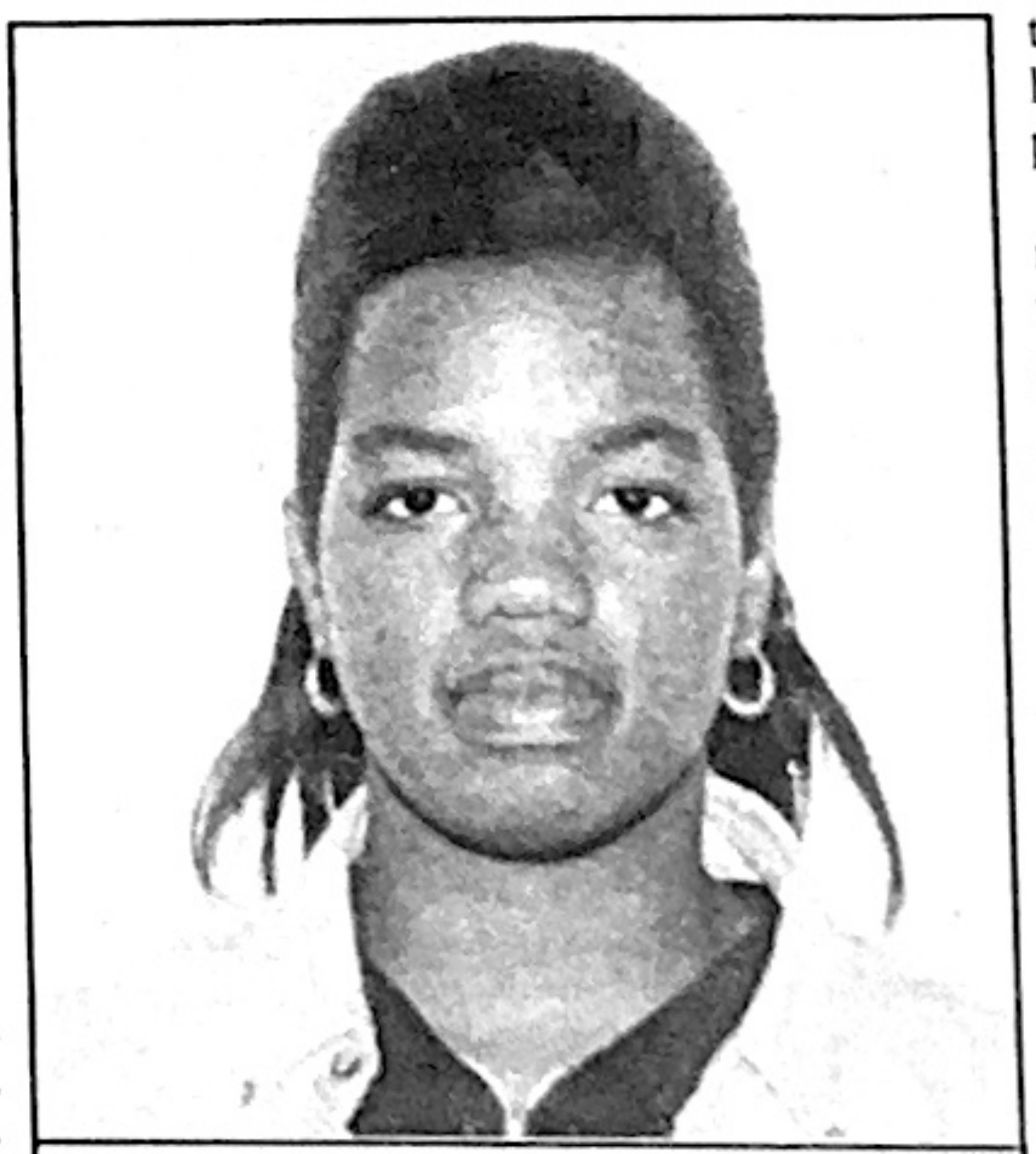
Wright is a member of the team's Big Red Club, which is awarded for 90 percent attendance at speed training and agility workouts in the off-season, Ironman Club for 90 percent attendance at lifting workouts in the off season, and Victory Club for improvement in strength, speed and power in the off-season.

Wright leads the team in rushing, with 557 yards in the first four games of the season.

Wright is going to see a lot more playing time this year, according to the Information Guide put out by the football team. Wright is considered by the coaching staff as one of Cleveland's best kept secrets.

Wright, who also started last year on the Erie Division Champion varsity basketball team, plans to go on to play football in college, but he is still undecided as to where to go.

BY SCOTT FULLER AND TOM MCGILL
Co-Sports Editor and Staff Reporter



KHALIAH WATTS

Shakerite photo by Cristen Means

Last year the volleyball team only tallied two victories. The coach still says the team is *very* young. Yet why is this year looking so promising? One reason has been the tremendous play of junior Khaliah Watts.

Coach Susan Brown had nothing but good things to say about her.

"Khaliah is one of our best players: she's one of the best blockers on the team, plus she's an excellent passer, server, and spiker. She's just an all-around great athlete," Brown said.

As the co-captain of this young team (there are seven sophomores, five juniors and no seniors), Watts has had to step up and show some leadership among the younger players. Watts has done so, strongly contributing to each of the two wins attributed to them thus far.

"I'm very pleased with [the volleyball team's] performance thus far," Brown said.

As for Watts' attitude, Coach Brown said that Watts is very positive, is all-business come game time, and always keeps her head in the game.

Watts' teammates have the same praise for her.

"She's really positive," sophomore Meghan Thomas said. "She picks herself up whenever the team is down."

Junior Nerissa Rush also said Watts lifted the team when their spirits were low.

"She's very dedicated," Rush said. "She has taken more leadership than last year."

Next year, with Watts a senior and the rest of the Lady Raiders more experienced, they will be an even more formidable opponent.

Big shoes to fill for football program

BY LESLIE SIMON AND BRENDAN MASINI
Co-Centerpiece Editor and Co-Sports Editor

The football team has occasionally shown flashes of brilliance as it ran, passed and occasionally fumbled through the first half of this season. Coached by Dave Sedmak, the team is trying to live up to last year's undefeated Lake Erie League Champion's reputation.

According to the footbal team's Information Guide, this season is going to be a rebuilding season.

"We have a good work ethic, and almost every member of the team has put in a lot of time in the off-season. There are a lot of new faces and a lot of raw talent," senior defensive end Ben Greenspan said.

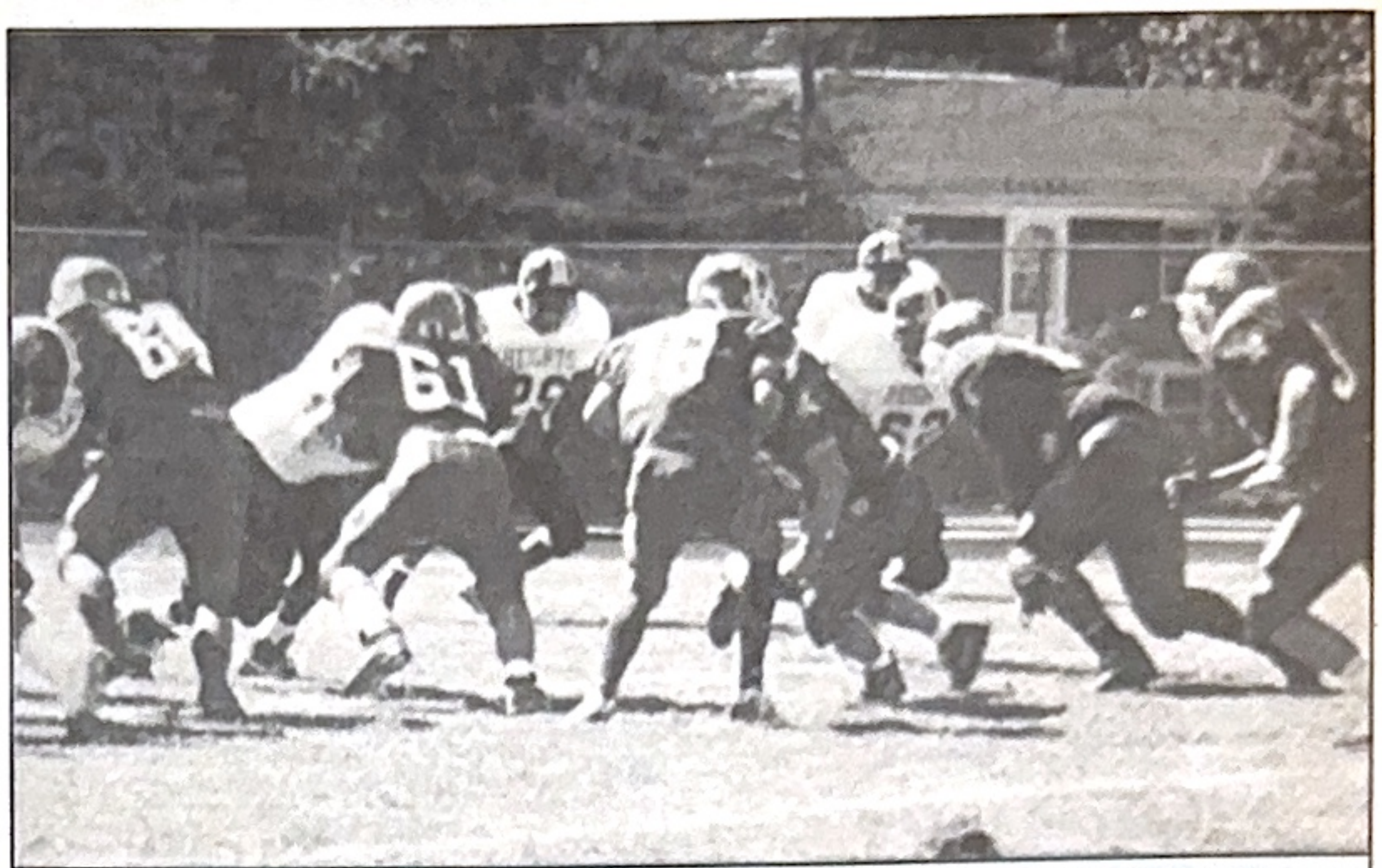
Only 4 seniors are returning from last year's starting lineup: quarterback Charlie Fuller, kicker Max Axler, linebacker and fullback Dave Pittman, and halfback and linebacker Shawn Wright.

The team is led by captains Fuller, Pittman, Wright, senior Maurice Clarke, junior Elgin Gilbert, and senior Alex Hamerstone.

Although the team may not repeat last year's incredible success, Fuller is still optimistic about this year' squad.

"At the beginning, our expectations were to win every game. But after we lost one game, we are taking it one game at a time. We are also trying to come out on top in every game," Fuller said.

The team carries a 2-2 record into the Oct. 7 game against Parma.



STOMP THAT TIGER. Shaker's offense controls the ball in a victory over rival Cleveland Heights.

Shakerite photo by Tempe Hubbard

Red Raider Wrap Up

Varsity Football

RECORD: 2-2

Upcoming: on Oct. 7 vs. Parma, Homecoming

Returning core of players make successful rebuilding season

Varsity Field Hockey

RECORD: 9-0

Upcoming: vs Hudson on Oct. 5

Tonia Porras and Jennifer Webb lead lady Raiders to victory

Varsity W. Soccer

RECORD: 4-8

Upcoming: Oct. 5 vs. Madison.

Jenna Carl's offense and team defense key for Raiders

Varsity Golf

RECORD:4-17

Upcoming: Sectional on Oct. 4

Young squad gaining confidence on links.

Varsity W.Tennis

RECORD: 10-8

Upcoming: Oct. 9 vs. Firestone

Rebuilding season for young raqueteers

Varsity M.Soccer

RECORD: 4-5-1

Upcoming: Oct.5 vs. Mayfield

Tie vs. second ranked Westlake. Young squad is rebuilding.

Varsity Cross Country

RECOD: 0-1 IN DUAL MEETS

Upcoming: Oct. 7 at Medina Invit.

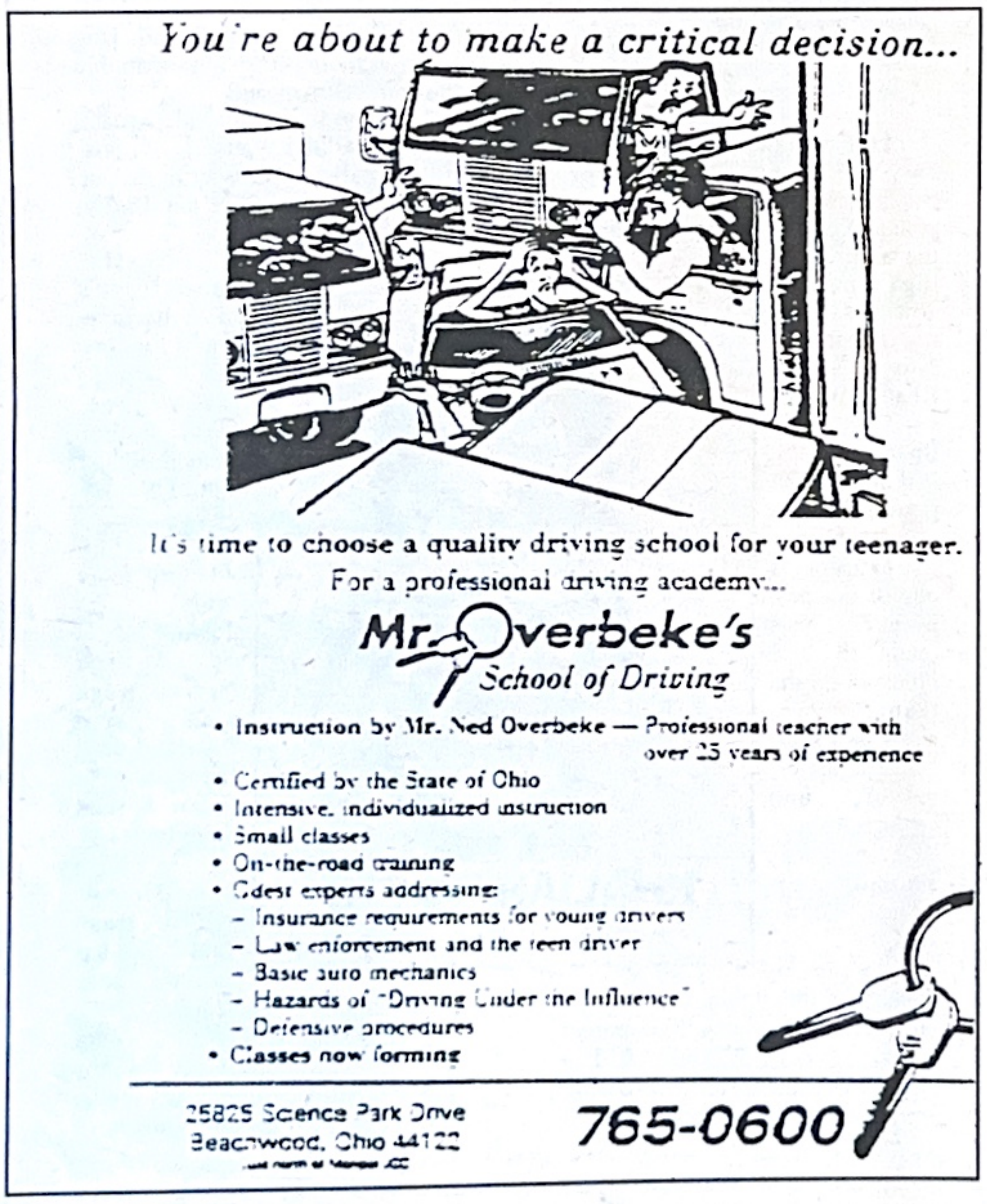
Second in L.E.L. with strong showings in meets.

Varsity Volleyball

RECORD: 2-9

Upcoming: Oct. 5 vs. Garfield Heights

Young squad with no seniors steadily improves



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